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January 6, 1956

Dr. Chester L. Quarles
Mississippi Baptist Convention
Box 530
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Dr. Quarles:

Final reports for 1955, which have just been tabulated, show that Southern Baptist Convention causes received more through the Cooperative Program from Mississippi than in any previous year in our history.

You will be interested in knowing that \$503,957.19 was received from Mississippi through the Cooperative Program during 1955, plus \$284,888.62 designated, for a total of \$788,845.81 for 1955.

On behalf of Southern Baptist Convention agencies, please thank Mississippi Baptists for their stewardship and for their compassionate missionary concern.

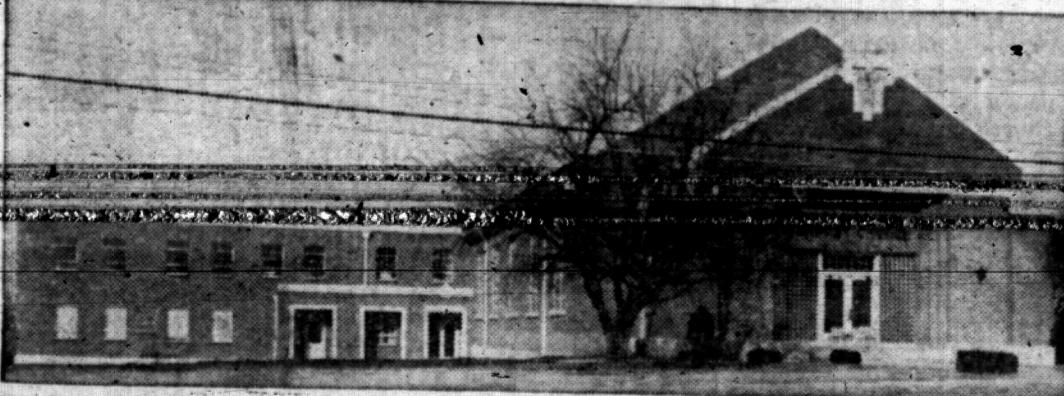
You will be interested in knowing that the total advance funds this year amounted to \$2,448,841.09, which made it possible for the Foreign Mission Board to receive \$1,826,620.83, and the Home Mission Board \$612,210.26 over the amount set up in the basic budget of \$9,100,000.

We join you in thanking God for his goodness, and pledging him our best for 1956.

Sincerely yours,
Porter Routh

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Host Church For Evangelistic Meet



Shown above is Harrisburg Church, Tupelo, where the State Evangelistic Conference will meet Feb. 13-14.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST EDITORS PLAN MID-WINTER MEETING

MOBILE, Ala. — (BP) — Southern Baptist newspaper editors will meet here Feb. 7-9 to discuss common editorial problems, including their responsibility in the racial segregation-integration issue.

The newspapers editors will

be joined by editors of a few other Baptist periodicals in the annual, mid-winter session of the Southern Baptist Press Association.

Reuben Alley, editor of the Religious Herald, newspaper of

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Russians Refuse Prayer Plan

Russia has rejected a U. S. proposal to have each full U. N. Assembly session opened by public prayer by a minister.

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Spirited Kick-off Meeting Conducted For Education Building Fund Campaign

Mississippi Baptists have spoken again and in thunderous tones. This time they have arisen to the tremendous but worthy challenge to provide \$2,500,000 over a period of five years for the immediate and pressing building needs of their

Christian educational institutions.

The above determination was demonstrated in the kick-off meeting for the Baptist Education Building Fund Campaign held on Thursday of last week at the First Church, Jackson.

Interest was high as Owen Cooper, Yazoo City, Convention president, formally called the meeting to order following the luncheon at noon. He cited the purpose of the meeting, called to launch the Baptist Education Building Fund Campaign, as authorized by the Convention in November.

The opening inspirational speaker was Dr. G. Earl Quinn, president of Louisiana College, who pointed to the importance of Christian education.

Plans for the campaign were

outlined by Thomas W. Chandy, Jackson, Hinds County superintendent of Missions and

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The Hurry Call Of Youth

By Dr. W. R. WHITE
President, Baylor University
Waco, Texas

I have seen a significant change in youth the last five years. They are more serious about vital issues than I have ever witnessed. This can be a great asset or a disastrous liability. It certainly requires immediate action.

Many are turning to various escape devices. Their inner seriousness due to the impact of world tensions drives them into either good causes or false ideologies or dissipation. Churches, radicalism, crime, immorality and drinking are all being augmented.

The advocates of communism, false religions and dangerous philosophies are losing no time.

The pilfering profiteers in vice, liquor, and gambling are letting no grass grow in their tracks. All are hot after youth.

Our churches must speed up their quest. We are doing much but not enough and certainly not fast enough.

Our approach needs to be deepened and elevated. Its message and activities must have substance and significance. It must not be watered down. We

must accommodate but challenge to the ordinary concept of youth. It must be more profound than that which we usually beam at adults.

Youth is interested in the great doctrines of the Word of God such as theology, Christology, eschatology, and providence. They are very much interested in the injustices and inequalities among men and the best way to resolve the tensions in society.

Youth can reach youth. The right kind of adults can teach and lead them. They are ripe now. They can be rotten tomorrow if they are not garnered today. The time of the crises is exceedingly short.

The program for the State Evangelistic Conference to be held at Harrisburg Church, Tupelo, Feb. 13-14, has been released by Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Jackson, state executive secretary-treasurer and acting director of evangelism.

Four out-of-state visitors and about 16 state personalities will have parts on the program, to contain information, inspiration and challenge.

Members of the evangelism committee of the Convention Board, who will preside over most of the sessions, are Rev. O. B. Robertson, Raleigh, chairman; Rev. Clifton Perkins, West Point, Rev. W. O. Seal, Itta Bena and Dr. W. P. Davis, Flora.

"The Divine Imperative" will be the theme of the program, to begin Monday afternoon at 1:50 and adjourn Tuesday night at 9 o'clock.

Conference features will include a tract room and a Baptist Bookstore exhibit.

Plans are now underway for a state-wide radio (Mutual) broadcast of the two evening services and perhaps local and

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Spirited Kick-off . . .

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campaign director.

As a note of encouragement it was stated that contributions were already being received and indications were apparent that they would be accelerated as a result of today's rally.

It was revealed that the first donation had been received from Kermit R. Cofer, Water Valley layman. He was for several years a member of the State Convention Board.

The meeting was brought to a climactic close by appeals from Mr. Cooper and Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Jackson, state executive secretary-treasurer.

About two hundred Mississippi Baptist leaders attended. These included county and district organization workers, representatives from the institutions involved, state Convention Board members and others.

The project originated with the Education Commission of the Convention. It was later enthusiastically approved by the State Convention Board and then adopted by the Convention itself.

Approximately one-half of the \$2,500,000 is to be derived through the Capital Needs budget of the Cooperative Program with the other one-half to be solicited from a selected list of 3000 Baptists who are able to make such contributions over and above their regular church gifts.

The \$2,500,000 will be allocated as follows: Mississippi College, \$990,000; William Carey College, \$550,000; Blue Mountain College, \$310,000; Clarke College, \$310,000; Kittiwake Baptist Assembly, \$250,000 and Student Center at Mississippi State College, \$90,000.

Those present received folders and other materials relative to the campaign.

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Program Released . . .

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area broadcasts of all the services, according to Rev. Howard Aultman, host pastor and president of the Northeast Mississippi Pastors Conference.

The complete program follows:

**MONDAY AFTERNOON
THE DIVINE IMPERATIVE—
BEGINNING**

O. B. ROBERTSON, Presiding
1:50 Organ Meditation—
Mr. Howard Aultman
2:00 Singing
2:10 Devotional—
Wayne Coleman
2:25 Why We Are Here—
Chester L. Quarles
2:35 "The Divine Imperative and Personal Soul Winning" . . . Landrum Leavell
2:55 Singing
3:00 "The Message of Evangelism"—
Leonard Sanderson
3:30 Singing
3:35 "The Divine Imperative and The Church"—
Troy Prince

**3:55 Special Music
4:00 "Perennial Revival In
A Church" . . . Jaroy Weber
MONDAY EVENING
THE DIVINE IMPERATIVE—
CONTINUING**

CHESTER L. QUARLES,
Presiding
7:00 Organ Meditation—
Mrs. Aultman
7:15 Singing
7:30 Devotional Tom Pfeifer
7:45 Fundamentals for
Preaching Today—
E. N. Patterson
8:15 Singing
8:25 Special Music
8:30 "The Harvest of The
Spirit—Inward Harvest"—
Dale Moody
9:15 Adjourn

**TUESDAY MORNING
THE DIVINE IMPERATIVE—
GROWING**

CHESTER L. QUARLES,
Presiding
8:50 Organ Notes While
We Pray . . . Mrs. Aultman
9:00 Singing
9:10 Devotional—
James Fancher
9:25 "The Judgment Seat
of Christ" . . . Vernon May
9:45 Singing
9:50 "It's Time to Be Men"—
Lewis Rhodes

**10:15 Singing
10:25 Fundamentals for
Preaching Today—
E. N. Patterson
10:45 Singing
10:50 "The Divine Imperative
and Gospel Preaching"—
L. G. Sansing
11:15 Special Music
11:20 "The Harvest of the
Spirit—Outward Harvest"—
Dale Moody
12:00 Adjourn****TUESDAY AFTERNOON
THE DIVINE IMPERATIVE—
TRANSFORMING**

W. P. DAVIS, Presiding
1:50 Organ Meditation—
Mrs. Aultman
2:00 Singing
2:10 Devotional Joe H. Tuten
2:25 "The Divine Imperative
and The Preacher"—
John G. McCall
2:45 Singing
2:50 Southern Baptists
Evangelizing—
Leonard Sanderson
3:20 "Calling Out the Called"—
Allen Johnson
3:40 Singing
3:50 Special Music
3:55 "The Divine Imperative
and World Missions"—
Walter L. Moore
4:30 Adjourn

**TUESDAY EVENING
THE DIVINE IMPERATIVE—
CLIMAXING**

CLIFTON PERKINS, Presiding
7:00 Organ Meditation—
Mrs. Aultman
7:15 Singing
7:30 Devotional—
Clark McMurray
7:45 Fundamentals for
Preaching Today—
E. N. Patterson
8:15 Singing
8:20 Special Music
8:30 "The Harvest of the
Spirit—Upward Harvest"—
Dale Moody
9:15 Adjourn

BIBLE CLASSES ON THE SWING SHIFT

MARIETTA, Ga. — Workers on the swing shift at the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation here take time out during their evening "lunch hour" to study the following week's Sunday school lesson. The weekly sessions were started about two months ago to give Sunday school officers and teachers from several churches in the Marietta-Atlanta area an opportunity to prepare their lessons. Since they work from 3:45 p. m. to midnight, the teachers find it impossible to attend similar night meetings in their own churches. Some 35 employees attend the Thursday night classes in the basement of the main factory building. Shown at one of the sessions are R. W. Bangs, reading the lesson, and in front Row, Mrs. Sara Mosley, Roy Goodwin and D. L. Dasal. (Religious News Service Photo)

Southern Baptist . . .

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Virginia Baptists published in Richmond, will present a paper on "The Editor's Responsibility in the Segregation-Integration Issue."

Purser Hewitt, managing editor of the Clarion-Ledger, Jackson, Miss., and a Southern Baptist layman, will be special guest speaker sometimes during the association's meeting.

Other special program personalities include C. Penrose St. Amant, professor of church history, New Orleans Baptist Seminary, and Louie D. Newton, pastor of Druid Hills Baptist Church, Atlanta.

New associational officers will be elected at the meeting.

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The Clipsheet of the Methodist Board of Temperance has

pointed out that the total net

newspapers refusing to accept alcoholic beverage advertising in any form has been placed at 5,605,374, after an authoritative survey. Commenting on the survey findings, Dr. Caradine R. Hooton, executive secretary of the temperance group, said: "The papers that have refused alcoholic beverage advertising have demonstrated unquestionably that newspapers can prosper without this type of business. The press can fulfill its function as a public service agency without the influence of liquor."

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Sunday, February 5, Is World Alliance Day

Sunday, February 5, has been designated as Baptist World Alliance Sunday. We urge every Baptist church to join in this worldwide observance. We have no overlords to command this day's observance, nor do we have any set program to propose. Each church is free to determine its action.

The officers of the BWA have provided the following message with the hope that every pastor will read it from his pulpit on Sunday, February 5.

Having attended the last four BWA Congress meetings at Atlanta, Copenhagen, Cleveland, and London we know something of the thrill of the BWA. We join in urging that BWA Sunday be observed and that the following message be read:

To fellow-believers around the world: Grace and Peace!

On Baptist World Alliance Sunday, as we gather to worship, let us thank God for all the blessings that are ours, the mercies of the past, the opportunities of the present, and our hope for the future as we trust in His unfailing promises. With grateful hearts, let us renew our covenant of faith and fellowship with our Heavenly Father and with each other. We are one in our faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord and in God who is our light and our salvation. "If we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin."

We are part of a mighty host of believers in many lands. Let us be grateful that we know each other better than ever before because in the providence of God we have been privileged to share in three significant World Congresses in eight years. The visits of our Presidents and Secretaries and others have helped us to understand each other better and have strengthened our bonds of Christian love. Now more than ever before we know that "the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above".

With the broad foundation of fifty years of work together and the inspiration of our Golden Jubilee Congress, there is much that we can do in the years just ahead. As that Congress closed in a memorable session, the new President suggested four words that sum up "the ties that bind our hearts in

Christian love."

Evangelism. Facing a lost world beset by false faiths, we are called to a greater effort to win others to a saving faith in Christ. Each in our own land and together in our missionary efforts, let us seek to win the lost as never before. Baptists more than trebled in numbers in the past fifty years. Surely we can add ten million more in the next ten years.

Fellowship. Let us seek to strengthen the ties of fellowship that unite us in Christ. As individuals, let us keep in touch with believers in other lands and unions and conventions. On each continent, let us seek closer ties and more ways of cooperation in the work of the Kingdom. Regional and continental gatherings and evangelistic efforts can help to this end, as will the World Conference of Baptist Youth and the meetings sponsored by our Woman's Department.

Faith. As we join with other believers in proclaiming the central truths of the Christian Faith, let us never fail to bear our distinctive witness as Baptists. We must keep faith with those who have gone before us and with those in our fellowship who even now are suffering for their faith and the truth that sets men free.

Prayer. Your officers and Executive Committee made a Covenant of Prayer in our closing meeting in London. We hope Baptists everywhere will join us in this covenant to pray regularly with and for each other and for all who serve the Lord Christ. Apart from Him we can do nothing, but with God all things are possible.

Evangelism, Fellowship, Faith, and Prayer. Surely these words call us to greater loyalty and deeper devotion to Christ, and to closer cooperation and more zealous labor in our Baptist World Fellowship.

Let us then on this Baptist World Alliance Sunday renew our covenant with our Lord and with each other and pray that God will bless and guide and use us as we serve together in His name, by His power, and for His glory.

Theodore F. Adams, President; Henry Cook, Acting Associate Secretary-in-Europe; Arnold T. Ohrn, General Secretary; Robert S. Denney, Associate Secretary for Youth Work.

Baptist Seminaries Are By-Passed

From recent events it is evident that the big Foundations that are passing out money for educational purposes are not interested in training preachers in a school that stands for the doctrines of their church. Recent gifts have been made to interdenominational seminaries like Union Theological Seminary, Harvard Divinity School, Yale Divinity School, Vanderbilt University, and the University of Chicago. So far as we know, all of them are liberal and some of them extremely liberal. Although we are not well-acquainted with the plans and teachings of the above-named schools, it

is our understanding that they lean heavily toward unionism.

Of course, these Foundations are under no obligation to give any money to any seminary. It is their privilege to give or withhold. But if they want to promote theological education, it seems that they should not overlook definitely denominational seminaries. The money which they now are giving away was made from all the people, not from those who think along ecumenical lines. You and I and most all of the people, Christian and non-Christian, believer or infidel, liberal or fundamental, Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, Catholic, and what-not, all to a certain extent enable them to make the money

GOD STILL QUITE COMPETENT

*FOR WHO HATH KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD? OR WHO HATH BEEN HIS COUNSELLOR? — ROM. 11:34



which they are now giving away.

We also believe that Southern Baptists have about as many preachers enrolled as all the others combined. Perhaps if we would join the World Council of Churches and discard the fundamental teachings of the Bible and turn liberal and modernistic, our seminaries would be recognized. **But that is too big a price.**

They are our seminaries, and regardless of Foundations, it is up to us to continue to support them.

But there is one advantage in being ignored by the Foundations. As we are supporting them, we can also control them. We will not be under obligation to try to please any liberal or modernistic groups.

Let's stand staunch for the faith once delivered to the saints and keep on supporting our seminaries who are teaching our young men what the Bible says and not as somebody warps it.

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Books Benefit More Than Once

Recently, we ran an article concerning Mrs. H. L. Martin's gift of her late husband's library to her pastor.

May we take this opportunity to

ask other wives of deceased ministers that they think seriously of giving their husband's books to pastors who can use them to great benefit.

The cost of books today is quite high, and many preachers cannot afford to buy the ones they need for help in preparing sermons and in other phases of their service.

Dr. Martin was for a number of years pastor in Mississippi. His last pastorate before retiring was First Church, Senatobia, where he was succeeded by Rev. Clyde Martin.

Surely God will bless Mrs. Martin for her thoughtfulness and will bless others who are gracious enough to follow her example.

Board Of Deacons??

We continue to hear various brethren speak of the "Board of Deacons" quite often read of it in papers both religious and secular.

We do not think any mortal sin is committed by referring to the "Board of Deacons." But there is no Scripture for it. Deacons are "deacons," and not "Boards of Deacons." The term, "Board" carries the implied meaning of power. Of course, some groups of deacons do try to exercise a lot of power. But to do so, they must read between the lines. It does not appear in Scripture.

The Proper way to refer to the group of deacons of any church is "the deacons," not "the Board of Deacons."

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advance.

Baptist Preacher Leads Outcasts To New Settlement In Rhode Island

NEWPORT, Rhode Island, June, 1638 — (BP) — The territory of Rhode Island is beginning to take on the aspects of a heaven for religious outcasts with the founding this spring of the new outpost of Newport by John Clarke, a courageous Baptist preacher.

Clarke agreed to lead a group of settlers to hew new homes out of the wilderness here after they were persecuted or banished from Boston for their religious beliefs. Clarke and his little band followed into Rhode Island another preacher of Baptist convictions, Roger Williams. Williams also was banished from the Massachusetts colonies for his religious activities two years ago.

Although he became the leader of the Newport settlers, Clarke had little part in their controversy with Massachusetts church and civil authorities. He arrived in Boston from England less than a year ago and the fight was all but over then — with the group now under Clarke's leadership the losers.

The dispute grew out of the rise of a new religious sect called the Antinomians under the leadership of Mrs. Anne Hutchinson. Opposed to the legalism of the Puritan church, the Antinomians introduced a new doctrine of salvation by possession of the Holy Spirit rather than by works.

Although the Antinomians had the support of former governor Henry Vane, the opposition of the strict Puritans was bitter. Using the Antinomians as a campaign issue, John Winthrop returned to the office of governor of Massachusetts in a pitched political battle. Vane thought it best to return to England and Mrs. Hutchinson and other leaders of the Antinomians were disfranchised, excommunicated, and ordered to leave the colonies.

It was at this juncture that Clarke took up the cause of the defeated group. Although not banished, Clarke was not allowed to keep firearms — a serious handicap with hostile Indians a constant threat. He decided to leave with the banished Antinomians.

"I came to America seeking room of worship," Clarke said in Boston, "and I was not a little surprised to find men here in these uttermost parts of the world unable to live peaceable together because of differences of religion. As in the case of Abraham and Lot, the solution seemed to be for the two factions to go their separate ways."

Clarke was selected by the group to find a place to settle and first went north of Boston to New Hampshire but found the climate too severe. Long Island and Delaware Bay also

were considered, but the group finally decided upon Rhode Island when Roger Williams invited them to settle here.

Born of well-to-do parents in Suffolk, England, in 1609, Clarke is one of eight children. He is well educated in medicine, law, and theology and is one of the most capable preachers in New England, adding immeasurably to the steadily growing cause of freedom of religion in America.

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CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES

By Rev. Leon V. Young

Called and Accepted:

Lansing Tinsley, Evans, Georgia, from Scranton, S. C.

J. T. Terry, Lake Carroll, near Tampa, Fla. from Houston, Texas

David C. Jenkins, Hurtel St., Mobile, Ala. from Fellowship, near Smyrna, Ga.

George Ammons, Needles, California, from Trinity, Gaymon, Okla.

Paul E. Bruce, First, Granite Falls, N. C. from Forest Hill, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Harold Alexander, Ramoth Gilead, Cowan Association, N. C.

Dwight W. Cumbee, Mt. Zion, Tar River Association, N. C.

Robert Grammer, Temple, Terre Haute, Indiana, from Herricane Memorial, Herrin, Illinois

Johnie R. Stuckey, Virginia Ave., Bartlesville, Okla., from First, Tishomingo, Okla.

Tom Fritts, Trinity, Enid, Okla. from McEwen, Tenn.

Bob Phillips, Bothwell, Perry Association, Okla.

James Dooley, Educational Director, Eastern Heights, Muskogee, Okla. from Haskell, Okla.

Hugh Meredith, Victory Park, McAlester, Okla.

M. T. Buford, Barnes Mission, Kelham Ave., Oklahoma City, Okla.

James A. Hogg, Britton, Okla., from First, Cushing, Okla.

Thomas L. Norwood, First, Geary, Okla. from Olive, Cimarron, Assoc. Okla.

D. T. Jones, Bardwell, Ky.

Harry E. Harp, Woodland Mills, Tenn. from Bardwell, Ky.

David E. Mason, First, Jonesboro, La. from First, Jefferson, Ga.

Ralph Stevens, Orange, Anacoco, La. from Homewood, La.

E. P. White, First, Man, W. Va. from Grays, Knox County, Ky.

Olive Rice, First, McLeansboro, Ill. from Ocean Drive Beach, S. C.

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Counselor's Corner Man Of Distinction

By DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON



Dr. Hudson, pastor of Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Mo. is author of "The Religion of a Mature Person" and "The Religion of a Sound Mind" for the Baptist Record.

How often have you heard the old claim by the liquor crowd that liquor should be taxed in order to provide more revenue? They do not tell you that although taxing liquor will bring in some revenue that it requires more revenue to pay the cost of legalizing it. For instance, the Christian Century recently carried an article based on facts published in the Charlotte, North Carolina Observer. Read the article yourself.

Choir Members

Question: Should a Choir Director have complete authority as to whom he should invite to sing in the choir? Or is it proper for some of the women singers to dictate to him as to whom he should invite, even if they do not read music?

Answer: This is a very ticklish question. Choirs have been notoriously known as the "war department" of the church.

When a church elects a choir director or minister of music, he should be given complete authority for screening choir members. If he is not competent, he should not be elected. If he is, the church should trust his musical knowledge and spiritual tact.

Nearly every choir has one or two people in it who are trouble makers. They set themselves up as authorities on repertoire, on interpretation, and even on tenor quality. God pity the poor choir directors who do not have the loyalty of the congregation.

If a church is to have the kind of music that the Lord's service deserves, it needs trained people, consecrated people, and people mature enough to work together. The end result of beauty and praise to God should come first. This requires the kind of unselfishness that is quite a strain on small souls.

Every community I know has enough native talent to have great church music. And the church deserves the finest music. But only training and consecration will bring this about.

(Address all questions to Dr. Hudson, Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Mo.)

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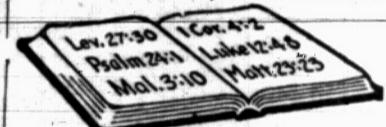


Ellen Waldrip

Shown above is Miss Ellen Waldrip who recently began her work as Secretary of the North Greenwood church. Miss Waldrip is originally from Hillsboro. She graduated from High School at Forest, and from Mississippi College, Clinton, with a major in Religious Education.

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The BIBLE teaches



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ably high." Would it not be a salutary thing if in other communities a similar investigation were made by groups or individuals whose findings would command confidence? We are sure that the Observer would gladly give inquirers the benefit of its experience as to where to look for figures on cost, both direct and indirect. Unfortunately, we are not so sure that all newspapers would be willing to give the results of such surveys the first-page treatment which the Charlotte study received."

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S. S. Bible Teaching Clinic To Be In S. C.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BSSB) — A Convention-wide Bible Teaching Clinic, sponsored by the Sunday School Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, will be held Feb. 27-Mar. 2 at First Church, Columbia, South Carolina.

The purpose of the meeting, led by A. V. Washburn, secretary of teaching and training, is to improve Bible teaching, develop better teachers, and to train a selected group of leaders to promote the work in their churches, associations, and states.

Invited are pastors, superintendents, educational directors, teachers, associational missionaries, age-group superintendents, and anyone interested in the improvement of Bible teaching in the churches.

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BSSB) — Want a recreation program in your church? "Leisure for the Lord" is a new film produced by Broadman Films, and directed by Earl Waldrup, secretary, and associates in the Audio-Visual Aids Department of the Sunday School Board. The 20-minute, 16 mm. motion color film, presents the needs and advantages of having a church recreation program. It is available at all baptist book stores on a service charge basis.

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By A. L. GOODRICH

The Same Old Story

Approximately eight out of ten churches that try the Promotion Plan of the Baptist Record adopt the EVERY FAMILY Plan. That story is true of the Richmond Church in Lee County.

Recently the Baptist Record was asked to send sample copies for a few weeks to the members of the Richmond Church. Rev. G. L. Ford is the pastor. It was done, and you guessed it. They have adopted the EVERY FAMILY Plan and now 45 members of that good church are going to keep up with what Baptists are doing at home and abroad.

Record readers in Lee County are now listed as follows: AUBURN, 75; BELDEN, 49; Birmingham, 3; Center Hill, 2; EUCLATUBBA, 47; Guntown, 3; NETTLETON, 61; Palestine, 9; Palmetto, 1; PLANTERSVILLE, 82; Pleasant Hill, 19; Pleasant Valley, 13; PRICEVILLE, 29; RICHMOND, 45; SALTILLO, 67; SHANNON, 60; SHERMAN, 79; TUPELO, HARRISBURG, 255; TUPELO, PARKWAY, 75; Union Chapel, 1; Union Hill, 12; VERONA, 72.

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Michael Memorial Starts Right

Knowing that a good beginning means a good ending, the recently organized Michael Memorial Church in Harrison County adopted the EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record as one of its first actions after organization.

Rev. A. V. Clements is the pastor.

Record readers in Harrison County are now listed as follows:

BIG RIDGE, 40; BILOXI, FIRST, 314; BILOXI, EAST HOWARD, 176; BILOXI, EMANUEL, 51; CALVARY, 24; d'Iberville, 14; GULFPORT, FIRST, 933; GULFPORT, BROADMOOR, 96; GULFPORT, GRACE MEMORIAL, 103; FERNWOOD (BOWEN MEMORIAL), 56; HANDBORO, 129; LONG BEACH, 163; MISSISSIPPI CITY, 54; NEW HOPE, 95; PASS CHRISTIAN, 41; Sharon, 14; WEST GULFPORT, 29; WOOLMARKET, 46; LYMAN, 44; Riverside, 5; McHENRY, 21; Pass Road, 12; SUCCESS, 26; TRINITY, 167; GULFPORT HEIGHTS, 48; GULF GARDENS, 35; Michael Memorial, 12.

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Locke Station Church Changes Plans

Locke Station Church has been subscribing to the Baptist Record on the individual plan, that is each person pays for his subscription.

However, after having the EVERY FAMILY Plan explain-

Bulletin Service**Folder Shows****12 Months' Bulletins**

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BSSB) — The Baptist Bulletin Service, Baptist Sunday School Board, has issued a new folder showing bulletins which will be furnished Southern Baptist churches week by week throughout the year.

This is the first time such a folder has been furnished subscribers. It shows 53 miniature pictorial bulletins, enabling churches to order a year's supply at one time and know what they will be getting.

The circulation of the Baptist Bulletin Service has reached a total of more than one million each week and is serving more than 6,000 churches in the Southern Baptist Convention with its Sunday-by-Sunday bulletins.

E. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary **PAUL D. BOOTHE, Associate**
MISS CAROLYN MADISON, Elementary Secretary
MISS ALEXINE GIBSON, Associate
MISS PAT HINES, Office Secretary

TWO URGENT PROPOSALS FOR TRAINING MORE SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS**I. Commit Ourselves to Lead Every Church to Adopt a Training Program.**

This is a dream, but a magnificent one, and one so vital to enlisting and training needed workers in every church. Much progress has been made in this matter during the last few years. The approach is not just training, but a program of planned training opportunities geared to the needs of the church and the workers. It involves really a calendar of training to be worked out at the beginning of every Sunday school year, presented to the church, and adopted as a part of the church calendar. Many of the larger churches are preparing these training calendars in attractive booklet form with such suggestive titles as "College of Christian Training," and listing the courses planned for the year with dates and teachers given, similar to what is found in a college bulletin. By offering a series of continuous training courses of convenient hours at regular times during the week, some churches are now offering their workers more than a hundred training opportunities in the course of a year.

MRS. WILL S. McCRAW

The Extension department workers in Mississippi will have the very delightful and profitable opportunity of having Mrs. Will S. McCraw to direct their conferences during the state Sunday School Convention, March 12-13, in the First Baptist church of Jackson.

As the superintendent of Extension work of the Sunday School Board, Nashville, Mrs. McCraw is making an excellent contribution to the whole Southern Baptist Convention program of reaching those who cannot attend Sunday school. We are indeed happy that she is to be with us during our March 12-13 Convention to direct the conferences on the work of the Extension department of the Sunday school.

So, Extension leaders over the state, be sure and plan to attend that Convention and get the good things awaiting you in the Extension department conferences.

NEXT WEEK'S CONFERENCES BE SURE AND ATTEND

Next week, February 6-10, is the time for the second week of Sunday school district conferences. Attend the one nearest you.

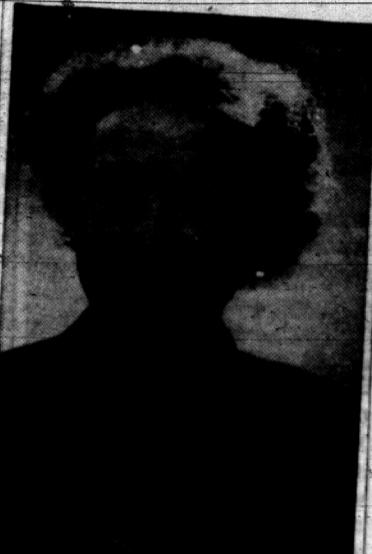
Here is the schedule: Monday, February 6, Tutwiler; Tuesday, February 7, Belzoni; Thursday, February 9, Grenada, First; Friday, February 10, Kosciusko, First.

The afternoon program — from 4:00 to 6:00 — is on Vacation Bible school work, while the evening session, from 7:00 to 9:00, is on Sunday school work. The evening meal will be served by the host churches from 6:15 to 7:00.

These conferences are for all the Sunday school and Vacation Bible school leaders, both in the local churches and the association. The purpose is to help make 1956 our greatest and best year yet in both these phases of work.

Sunday School Department

PAUL D. BOOTHE, Associate
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**Some elements to consider:**

1. Make this a priority item in thinking, planning, and promoting.
2. Include this goal in the work of every association.
3. Seek to enlist a superintendent of training in every association.
4. Use the Standards of Excellence to call attention to the necessity for training.
5. Stress this goal and recognize achievements in associational meetings, state conventions, and assemblies; The Sunday School Builder; the Associational Bulletin; and the state papers.
6. We would prepare free literature that may be useful in this effort — perhaps a new version of "How to Train" and a folder outlining a pattern for a church calendar of training.

AWARDS FOR DECEMBER

No. Awards for December 1,092
No. Awards To Date ... 6,410
No. Churches To Date ... 337
No. Associations To Date ... 65

HIGH FIVE ASSOCIATIONS

Alcorn 150
Neshoba 133
Lauderdale 116

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G. Frank Garrison, left, assistant executive secretary-treasurer, Home-Mission Board, S. F. Dowis, center, secretary of Cooperative Missions, Home Board, and Searcy Garrison, executive secretary, Baptist Convention of the State of Georgia, confer on ways and means of reaching the goal of "2,666 in '56" — set by the Home Mission Board, state executive secretaries, and state mission superintendents.

In 1956, Southern Baptists will seek to revive or reactivate and to constitute 2,666 churches.

Courts Redford, executive secretary of the Home Board, has pointed out that there are 24 million people in the territory served by the Home Mission Board that are out of reach of a Baptist church that can serve them. There are 15,000 communities in this territory that have no Baptist church of any kind.

The goal in Mississippi is 55.

ADVISORY COMMITTEES AID JOINT EVANGELISM PLANS

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BP)

Four advisory committees appointed recently will help Southern Baptists plan their part of a cooperative evangelistic effort with other Baptist groups from 1959 to 1964.

The committees were named by C. C. Warren, pastor of First Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C., and president of the Convention. Each committee has three members.

The advisory committees will

work on a six-year program in which the Southern Baptist Convention can take part in the six-year, soul-winning program.

The program is a joint venture of Southern Baptists and eight or nine other Baptist groups in the United States and Canada, according to Warren. It will climax in 1964, the third jubilee of evangelism.

Members of the advisory committees:

PURPOSE — James L. Sullivan, executive secretary, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, chairman; Courts Redford, executive secretary, Home Mission Board, Atlanta; R. Orin Cornett, executive secretary, Education Commission, Nashville.

NAME, THEMES, SLOGANS AND APPROACH — Albert McClellan, director of publications, Executive Committee, Nashville, chairman; Paul Stevens, director, Radio and Television Commission, Fort Worth; Duke K. McCall, president, Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville.

EMPHASES AND GOALS

W. L. Howse, head of the division of education and promotion, Baptist Sunday School Board, Dallas; Merrill D. Moore, director of promotion, Executive Committee, Nashville.

JUBILEE OBSERVANCE — Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, chairman; Miss Alma Hunt, executive secretary, Woman's Missionary Union, Atlanta; and W. E. Reed, executive secretary, Relief and Annuity Board, Dallas.

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As churches have completed so many new buildings in recent years, they have felt the need for adequate programs of dedication. A **BOOK OF DEDICATIONS** was prepared by Dr. C. Lamar McGaughy, book com-

mittee of the Baptist Book Store in Atlanta, Georgia to meet that need. The book points out the importance of thorough planning for a dedication program. It gives suggestions for Scripture passages, hymns, instrumental and choral music, and responsive readings to use in a dedication service. It then presents a variety of complete programs, such as dedication of a new church, of a new educational building, for a church library, for a pulpit Bible, for a cornerstone laying, etc. Order this invaluable new book from the Baptist Book Store or from Broadman Press, Nashville, Tennessee for \$2. The lovely book jacket is suggestive of a stained glass window in a new chapel or sanctuary.

STUDENT MISSIONARY FINDS "WHITE FIELDS" AT HOME

By ZONA EATON

Lequire, Oklahoma

Mountains covered with giant trees and frosty snow-caps; Streams of water rushing down the mountains from melting snow; Clear blue skies; Surely God has shown his handiwork here. These people are very fortunate to live in a place where God has manifested himself so beautifully.

These were my first impressions of the Northwest.

All the student missionaries who were to work in the Northwest met on Wednesday afternoon at Jennings Lodge, near Portland, Oregon, for a series of inspirational, informational periods. There were 37 of us.

Some were sent by their Baptist Student Unions; some came, paying their own expenses, and the remainder of us came under appointment of the Home Mission Board.

After our Vacation Bible school clinic ended, from four to eight of us went with each of the six associational missionaries of the Oregon-Wash-

ington Covington to our fields of service on Saturday.

As I began my work, I was reminded again of John 4:35 . . . "Look unto the fields for they are white already unto harvest." In spite of the physical evidences of God's beauty I saw people steeped in sin. I found adults disinterested in Christianity. Religion is prevalent, but not Christianity. Student missionaries found many 75-and 80-year-old people without Christ.

The adults are very difficult to reach; therefore, our hopes lie in the youth of the Northwest. Many of these were reached last summer through VBS, youth revivals and youth camps.

15-Year-Old Girl Saved
An example is Rita, a 15-year-old girl whose father was a Catholic, (having studied for the priesthood). She accepted

Russians Refuse

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The Russians want to stick to the present system of a minute of silence for prayer or meditation at the beginning and end of each assembly.

U. S. Chief Delegate Henry Cobat Hodge Jr. started the project Dec. 21 with a letter to each of the 75 other U. N. delegations. He suggested that future assembly meetings be opened with prayer "by a priest of any of the religions which have adherents in the United Nations."

The Russians, who profess to have no religious beliefs or affiliations, have stood at soldier-like attention during the minute of silence, looking straight ahead while most of the other delegates bowed their heads.

SELECTED PSALMS I

is the first book of a 55-volume English translation of the writings of Martin Luther and published by the Concordia Publishing House, 3558 South Jefferson Avenue, St. Louis, 18 Missouri. It is said that this publication launches the most extensive effort to make Luther's writings available in modern English. It is expected that the preparation of the entire 55 volumes will extend over a 15-year period. In this initial volume, Luther comments on seven selected Psalms from the Bible, one-third of the total number about which he wrote extensively.

Most of the materials came from sermons and classroom lectures; some from family devotions and private conversations he had between 1524 and 1537. This new edition is expected to arouse a wider, more intense interest in Luther, because his writings will be in popular, idiomatic English. The price is \$5.15 for postage and handling. Orders should be sent to the Baptist Book Store or to the Concordia Publishing House.

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Parker (Calhoun) Licenses Preacher

Shown here is Rev. Royace Morris, who was recently licensed to preach by the Parker Church, Calhoun Association. A senior at Ellard High School, Royace is serving Parker Church as supply pastor. He plans to enter college in the fall.

Trinity Church, Biloxi, ordained Robert L. Brent, Frederick F. Carr, Robert W. Richley, and Milton C. Stegall as deacons January 2. The ordination sermon was preached by Dr. Joe Tuten, pastor of First Church, Biloxi, and the ordination prayer was led by O. B. Anderson, Superintendent of Gulf Coast Associational Missions. Rev. J. Hoffman Harris is pastor.

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S'Eastern Seminary Receives Fund For Mission Scholarships

Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C., will receive a \$26,000 Mission Scholarship Fund from the estate of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Tompkins of Blytheville, Arkansas, according to an announcement made here by President S. L. Stealey.

Mr. Tompkins was a widely known and respected cotton farmer. He was an active layman in the First Baptist Church, Blytheville, in which he served many years as a deacon and as a teacher of the men's Bible class.

Interest from this fund will be used to establish three scholarships of approximately \$250 each to be awarded each year to students, men or women, preparing themselves as foreign missionaries.

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NOW YOU BELONG is a study course book especially written for Intermediates. Its purpose is to help Intermediates to have a New Testament concept of the meaning and function of a church and to lead them to determine to take their places in its fellowship and its work. The author is Josephine Pile, editor of "Upward" story paper for Intermediates.

Along the line of church membership and fellowship is also a book for Juniors, **MY CHURCH AND I**, by Charis Knapp Johnson, writer of Junior Training Union lesson material. Each book has a Teacher's Edition and may be ordered from the Baptist Book Store or from the Convention Press, Nashville, Tennessee. The later sells for 35 cents per copy.

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PROPHECY AND HISTORY IN RELATION TO THE MESSIAH (Baker Book House, Grand Rapids 6, Michigan, \$3.75) was written by Alfred Edersheim with an aim "to show the prophetic character of the Old Testament and its fulfillment in Jesus Christ," and "to secure that position against attack both in front and rear" by a survey of the concept of Messianic prophecy in history. Of Jewish parentage, Edersheim's conversion to Christianity gave him the perspective to see the history of his race in its true light. Order the 391-page book from the Baptist Book Store or the publisher.**Golden Gate Has Record Enrollment**

With a record 294 students enrolled for the spring semester, Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Berkeley, California, has set enrollment records for herself, according to Dr. Harold K. Graves, president. With this number, 60 of whom are attending the seminary for the first time, the cumulative enrollment for the 1955-56 session reached a high of 331—the first time to go above the 300 mark, and 25% higher than one year ago.

A breakdown of the present enrollment shows the student body representing 31 states, Hawaii, Alaska and seven foreign countries. Texas, California, Oklahoma and Missouri Conventions have the largest number of students. Oklahoma Baptist University, Baylor, Hardin-Simmons, and Grand Canyon lead in college and university representation.

In attendance at the seminary in Berkeley are the following from Mississippi:

Robert D. Beasley, Columbus; Charles E. Bush, Richton; Mrs. Charles (Betty) Lovel Bush, Monksdale; Judy Duffett, Jackson; Russell Lee Phillips, Bogue Chitto; Stanley Stamps, Prentiss; Maurice Ford Wicker, Smithdale.

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Blind Produce Movie

THE BRAILLE EVANGEL ministry to the blind, Fort Worth, enters Tenth Anniversary year with motion picture. The title of the film is "Ministry to the Blind," 16mm, in sound and color, 20 minutes.

"Ministry to the Blind" is the first religious film produced with a cast of Christian blind people. The picture is a story of hope and courage in the lives of people whose Christian faith and devotion is the secret to victory over physical blindness. It is both informative and devotional IT'S AN EYE-OPENER.

Prints of the film, "Ministry to the Blind," can be secured by writing to THE BRAILLE EVANGEL, Box 6999, Fort Worth 15, Texas.

Rev. Edwin Wilson is director of the Braille Evangel.

Woman's Missionary Union

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MANIFESTING CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**NEW TRACT**

Can you be Trusted? is a new leaflet emphasizing HONESTY. This is a part of the crusade for Christian Morality.



(The tract listed above may be secured from the S. S. Board, 127 Ninth Ave. N., Nashville 3, Tenn. When writing for tracts, please be sure to use church stationery or to mention the name of your Church.)

AMERICAN INDIANS

Supplemental books for reading:

Upward Trails, Payne — 50 cents

Within Two Worlds, Cory — \$1.25

This is the Indian American — 50 cents

Indian Rights and American Justice, Fey — 25 cents.

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

The offering through January 24th has reached \$186,370.82. Through this date last year the offering had reached \$148,000 and the final total was \$170,538.92. It is our confident hope that the total for this year in Mississippi will reach \$200,000.

SHE WANTED A BIBLE

She was thirty-one years old before she ever had a Bible of her own. Then her daughter went to a Baptist camp with \$4 in her pocket for spending money. She spent three dollars for a Bible for her mother.

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Because a home missionary went to her town in Arizona to help thirteen Baptists establish a Baptist church. In a few months she went to the revival meeting being conducted. She believed and soon her husband and daughter were saved and all three baptized together.

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MANY NATIONALITIES
In a foreign field, a missionary usually works with people who speak one language. On many of our home mission fields there are people speak-

Hear The Baptist Hour

Baptist Hour sermon topics in February include: "Grieving the Holy Spirit"; "In This Will I Be Confident"; "Brighten the Corner Where You Are"; "One Step Enough For Me."

Stations in Mississippi carrying the Baptist Hour each Sunday are:

Canton — WDOB — 5:00 p. m.
Centreville — WGLC — 10:30 p. m.

Columbia — WCJU — 2:00 p. m.

Clarksdale — WKDL — 2:00 p. m.

Columbus — WACR — 2:30 p. m.

Cleveland — WLCD — 4:30 p. m.

Greenville — WJPR — 8:00 p. m.

Grenada — WNAC — 8:30 a. m.

Hattiesburg — WFOR — 7:30 a. m.

Macon — WMBC — 2:30 p. m.

McComb — WAPF — 9:00 a. m.

Meridian — WCOC — 4:05 a. m.

Pascagoula — WPMP — 3:00 p. m.

Picayune — WRJW — 1:00 p. m.

Tupelo — WELO — 8:30 a. m. Sat.

Waynesboro — WABO — 4:00 p. m.

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LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (RNS)

— A waiting room of the \$1,500,000 addition to Arkansas Baptist Hospital opened here is dedicated to "the men and women of the press, radio and television." The hospital is believed to be the first in Arkansas to so honor workers in the mass communications media. The addition itself was dedicated to "the healing ministry of the Christian faith" in ceremonies presided over by Rev. Rel Gray of Helena, president of the Arkansas Baptist Convention.

Annie Armstrong Offering for enabling money to support the telling.

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Highland, Jackson Ordains Minister



Rev. Joe S. Johnson

On Sunday, January 22, Joe Stewart Johnson was ordained to the full gospel ministry by Highland Church, Jackson.

Mr. Johnson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Johnson of Jackson and has recently been called as pastor of the Spring Hill Church in Tallahatchie County. Mrs. Johnson is the former Mary Sue Latham, of Tunica.

Rev. Guy C. Futral, pastor of Highland Church, presided over the ordination service, and preached the ordination sermon.

Rev. Oliver Ladnier, Calvary Mission, offered the ordination prayer; Dr. W. R. Cooper, for 11 months interim pastor at Highland delivered the charge to the candidate; Rev. S. W. Valentine, Southside Church, the charge to the church; Rev. Jack Nazary, West Jackson Church, presented the Bible to the candidate.

Mr. Johnson is a graduate of Mississippi College. He was licensed by Calvary Church, Jackson, in 1952. In the summer of 1953 he served as a student missionary with the Home Mission Board.

A BAPTIST CHURCH NEEDS MONEY

By
HARRY N. HOLLIS
Director of Church Activities
First Baptist Church of
New Orleans

A Baptist church has but one program. It is a specific program, set forth by Jesus many years ago when He said to go to the uttermost parts of the world "... and teach all nations... baptizing them... teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you" To finance such a glorious and challenging program a Baptist church needs money. From what source is it to come?

There is but one source. A church program is to be financed by members through the gifts of tithes and offerings. On this point, Bible teaching is explicit. Too often, however, a church is forced into a drastically reduced program because of a low member giving record. Surveys reveal that many members, especially in large churches, give nothing at all through the church. Still others, although giving, fail to give "as God hath prospered them." Corrective measures, based on the Scriptures, need to be taken, where such conditions exist.

Faced with a less than good member giving record, our church — the First Baptist Church of New Orleans — determined to revise this record upward, for Jesus sake. The time for adoption of the annual church budget was chosen to put this determination into operation. Therefore, immediately following adoption of a total giving goal of \$295,000 for 1956, a comprehensive analysis of member giving habits was begun.

Already in the file were pledges to the budget that read "until further notice" and pledges to the Building Fund that extend through 1956. This meant that a major portion of the total giving goal was already ~~when the~~ ~~subscri~~ ~~grad~~ ~~ing~~ ~~in~~ ~~possession~~ ~~of~~ ~~personalized~~ ~~pledge~~ ~~cards~~, ~~teachers~~ and ~~class~~ ~~members~~ ~~went~~ ~~afiel~~ ~~for~~ ~~the~~ ~~purpose~~ ~~of~~ ~~securing~~ ~~A~~ ~~bu~~ ~~get~~ ~~pledge~~ ~~from~~ ~~every~~ ~~membe~~ ~~r~~ ~~a~~ ~~bu~~ ~~ilding~~ ~~fund~~ ~~pledge~~ ~~from~~ ~~ever~~ ~~y~~ ~~membe~~ ~~r~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~abil~~ ~~ity~~ ~~of~~ ~~membe~~ ~~r~~ ~~to~~ ~~give~~ ~~And~~ ~~that~~ ~~is~~ ~~all~~ ~~the~~ ~~money~~ ~~a~~ ~~Baptist~~ ~~church~~ ~~needs~~.

ing the budget was not, in itself, our objective. It is wise for church leaders to always bear in mind that a church budget should reflect the ability of the people to give. We soon discovered that many of our members were not pledgers of record. Evident, also, was the fact that others, although pledgers of record, needed to "take a step up" in their giving because of increased incomes and increased faith. Thus, our task was clearly defined — to get non-pledging members to subscribe their financial support and to encourage still other members to "take a step up." How to accomplish this task then became the question.

This, we believe: A church is not in the "money raising" business. Rather, it is in the business of getting people to dedicate themselves to principles of stewardship of life — all areas — according to the teaching of God's Word. It was logical therefore, to assign this task to the Sunday School, since our immediate objective was to get people to become faithful stewards of their possessions. Historically, the Sunday School has met the church's need for an organized plan of Bible study. It was also logical to ask Sunday School teachers to lead in this task, for "next to the minister, the Sunday School teachers are the most destiny determining persons in the church." The Sunday School accepted the assignment and the teachers accepted leadership responsibilities.

In the pulpit — the Pastor Teacher is the first teacher in the church — and in class rooms, Bible truths concerning stewardship of possessions were shared. Then at a given time and in possession of personalized pledge cards, teachers and class members went afiel for the purpose of securing: A budget pledge from every member; a building fund pledge from every member; a basis grad, a church policy, worked

to a distinct advantage in the distribution of assignments.

Non pledging class members simply became the responsibility of their teacher and fellow class members. It was reasonable to assume that such a method would produce better and more permanent results. However, we quickly discovered that a vast majority of the non pledging members were not on Sunday School class rolls. Here again, age basis grading proved invaluable. Instead of assignments being made according to geographic location, assignments were made according to age. Thus, warm hearted visits were made for a two fold purpose: (1) to enlist members, according to their age, in a systematic program of Bible study with people who had the same interests and needs, and (2) to enlist them in the financial support of a world-wide church ministry.

Results were glorious. Victory Sunday found our total giving goal substantially oversubscribed. Hundreds of members were new pledgers of record, and an almost equal number had determined to "take a step up." Another measure of success in this effort to get people to realistically apply stewardship principles in their giving, was the increase in the number of tithers.

Total results are not available, for the task is not finished, will never be finished. It is a year round task, every year until Jesus comes. Sunday School teachers possessed with the essential qualities of a world teacher — a world view, knowledge of his subject matter, knowledge of his pupil, aptness at teaching, and a character worthy of imitation in all respects — are the key persons in getting people to become faithful stewards of their possessions. A Baptist church needs money, all the money that is within the ability of members to give. And that is all the money a Baptist church needs.

"Keep The Old Hens As Long as They Lay"

By Dr. R. J. Hastings

This is the title of an article in a recent farm magazine that admonished the readers to keep their old hens as long as they were laying rather than marketing them. The point is that as long as a hen is producing eggs there is no reason to sell her, regardless of age.

This is good advice for our generation when the new and the novel is often preferred to the old. A re-examination of our standards would be in order to make sure we are not discarding anything worthwhile simply because it is old.

Old Friends. Steamship and airline companies often advertise faraway places as particularly alluring because they offer the prospect of "new friends." The insinuation is that one grows tired of seeing the same persons everyday — friendships of past years are not enough. It is true that one should welcome new friends and keep open the door of his heart. But it is a serious mistake to cast aside friendships of long standing simply for the novelty of new friends. It becomes the height of ingratitude to forget the kindnesses of friends of past years.

Old Standards. Traditionally the Christian home is a place of sobriety, love and respectability. Should one forget these old standards and join the movement to convert the American home into a bar-room? Must we agree with the brewers who claim that "beer belongs" in the home? Do we have to join the mad stampede to serve social cocktails in the home? Must we wreck the old-fashioned custom of total abstinence in the home simply because it's old?

Old Sermons. It would take a statistician to tabulate the sermons preached in recent years on the hydrogen bomb. The Salk vaccine, Geneva Conferences, and the United Nations would come in for their share, too. This is good in that it indicates our awareness of current world conditions and certainly Christians should be conscious of existing problems. On the other hand, messages on the old texts like John 3:16 are still needed. Bomb or no bomb, vaccine or no vaccine, we still need to be reminded that we are sinners, that God loves us, and Christ died for us.

Yes, wise farmers keep the old hens as long as they are laying — and wise Christians utilize the old as well as the new so long as there is profit in the past.

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Realizing that every Christian has a definite task, whether as a minister, missionary, homemaker or businessman, Southern Seminary students have arranged for a week of special reports and conferences on the theme, "Christ's Mission Through Me."

The week will be climaxed by a weekend Christian Mission Conference, February 17-18.

Pontotoc Pastor
Changes Pastorates

Rev. L. W. Eddington, who has

served the Center Hill Church, Pontotoc County, as pastor for the past two and one-half years, has resigned his work there to accept the pastorate of the Friendship Church, Pontotoc County. He will serve the Friendship Church half-time, on the second and fourth Sundays, and will continue his work at Chery Creek, serving on the first and third Sunday.

The work at Center Hill made progress under the leadership of Mr. Frederick. New Sunday school rooms were added, debt free, and an increase in membership was shown. While there he led in a movement toward contributing to the Cooperative Program, and Sunday school attendance increased from 40 to 60. The Training Union also showed steady growth, with a membership now of about 50. He is a strong supporter of the Pontotoc County Mission program.

Mr. Frederick and family have already moved to the parsonage at Friendship.

WARREN URGES CHURCHES RECOGNIZE GIRL SCOUTS

CHARLOTTE, N. C. — (BP) — That the Girl Scout program embodies "Christian ideals that should find sympathetic support" is the feeling of C. C. Warren, president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Girl Scouts observe their 44th anniversary Mar. 12. Warren, in a special message for this occasion, urged that Southern Baptist churches recognize Sunday Mar. 11, as Girl Scout Sunday.

The Charlotte minister's statement in full:

"I am pleased to recommend that our Southern Baptist churches take cognizance of the 44th birthday of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America and that they join heartily in the observance of this anniversary.

So. Seminary Students Conduct Third Mission Emphasis Week

Where do I fit into God's plan?

Students from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and surrounding highschools and colleges will be asking this question during Southern's third Mission Emphasis Week, February 14-18, 1956.

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The Radio and Television Commission will release the first six films — based on New Testament parables — on April 1. These films, available also in black and white, will make Southern Baptists the only denomination presenting TV color programs. At least fifty-six stations have asked for them and will present them on non-commercial time.

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INFORMAL TALKS ON SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHING

by Ray Rozell (Rozell and Company, Publishers, P. O. Box 867, Tyler, Texas, \$2) is a book which one reviewer calls "The most fascinating and helpful book on Sunday School teaching I have ever read." is a series of ten informal lectures on key points in the fine art of Sunday School teaching. The "friendly chat" style of the book is gained from the fact that it is simply a recording of teaching lectures exactly as they have been delivered in Sunday School conventions, summer assemblies, and teaching clinics during the last ten years. Order from the Baptist Book Store or the publisher.

THE BAPTIST RECORD

Amory Church Calls Rev. Joseph Causey



Rev. J. N. Causey

Rev. Joseph N. Causey of South Norfolk, Virginia has accepted the pastorate of First Church, Amory. He will assume duties as pastor on Sunday, February 12. He will succeed Rev. John F. Measells, who served the church for 25 years and who was elected pastor-emeritus upon his retirement last September.

Mr. Causey is a native Mississippian. He received the B.S. degree from Mississippi College in 1946, and the B.D. degree from Southern Seminary in 1953.

Upon graduation from the Seminary, Mr. Causey was called to the pastorate of the Southside Church, South Norfolk, Virginia. A \$50,000 educational building was built during his ministry and he was active in the affairs of Norfolk Baptist Association. He was recently appointed to the Governor's Highway Safety Committee of Virginia.

Other pastorate include the Goodwater Church in Smith County, the Mountain Creek Church near Florence, the Red Lick Church near Lorman, all in Mississippi.

Mrs. Causey is the former Charlotte Walley of Hannibal, Missouri. The Causeys have two children.

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Byram To Hold Open House For Nursery Building

Byram Church, Jackson, will observe opening day for their new nursery building, Feb. 5 from 2:00 to 5:00 p. m. Dr. E. C. Williams, State Sunday School Secretary, will be the featured speaker.

The nursery building is separate from the church plant and contains four departments and is air conditioned. The approximate cost of the building is \$14,000. The building was completed and furnished with only an indebtedness of \$2000.

Rev. H. J. Bennett is the pastor.

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YOU BE THE JUDGE

Let me urge you to see that all of your members receive a copy of the Brotherhood Journal. It is the only magazine adapted for Baptist men and its contents should be the main source of information and inspiration to keep your Brotherhood "jet-propelled."

You have been one of your Brotherhood for over three months now. It has given you ample time to get started. Answer these questions and see how well you are doing.

1. Do you have a complete set of officers?

2. Do you have a monthly planning meeting?

3. Do you have at least one Royal Ambassador chapter?

5. Do you consult with your pastor about your programs and activities of your Brotherhood?

6. Do these programs and activities relate to the church program?

7. Has your Brotherhood had at least one activity each month?

8. Does each member of your Brotherhood receive the Brotherhood Journal?

9. Are you using your members and the Brotherhood Journal to present most of your programs?

10. Are you doing the best job you can in this vital place of responsibility the Lord has placed you?

Count 10 points for each "YES" answer — In school 70 is passing — What is your verdict?

A STAR FOR THE MEN
Southern Baptists have set out a new plan this new year to give recognition to churches with the four basic church organizations, including Sunday School, Training Union, Woman's Missionary Society and Brotherhood, and which also gives regularly to world missions. Such churches qualifying on all five points will be called "Five-Star Churches."

Men, please remember that one of the stars is for having a functioning Brotherhood in the church. What a tragedy it would be for a church to have four stars — and a hole where there ought to be a Brotherhood star! Shall we get our heads together and make sure that the star for the men is right where it ought to be in every church?

GUIDEBOOKS COMING

Our BROTHERHOOD GUIDE-BOOK (book on methods) has been so much in demand in recent weeks that several of the Baptist Book Stores have sold out. Every Brotherhood officer, pastor, church library, and interested Brotherhood member should have one. The new cloth binding at 60 cents a copy is most attractive. The new supply from Broadman Press to all Baptist Book Stores should be ready the first week in March. Why not celebrate with offering this course in the church, or for a group of churches, in a three-night session and invite all the men to come? It really pays off.

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Anyone interested may write the Chairman of Graduate Studies, Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss.

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Children's Page

A WINDY DAY IN CHINA



By Gladys Cleone Carpenter

Pear Blossom, her brother, Fu Lee, and his friend, Ling Wang were raking leaves. When the winds were blowing hard the school was closed for the boys. (Girls did not go to school.) Many families had no winter fuel except the leaves.

Suddenly from Pear Blossom's mound of leaves leaped a little brown puppy. Pear Blossom put him in the front of her coat to keep him warm.

Just then they heard the peddler's bell. Each child bought a Tsien's worth of peanuts.

The puppy, smelling the peanuts, wiggled out of the coat. He fell to the ground and scampered off.

The three children chased him, but a neighbor boy caught him.

"This puppy belongs at the mission," the boy declared.

"Then we must take him home," Pear Blossom said.

The three started out. A lady met them at the door of the mission.

"Come in," she invited. "School is nearly out for noon."

She led the children to where Miss Reed, a teacher, was telling a Bible story.

"You may sit here and listen," she said. "Then Miss Reed will talk to you."

Pear Blossom, listening to the wonderful story, wished that she could come here to school.

When the teacher had finished, she greeted the three children.

"Oh, you found the puppy! Would you like to keep him? We have more puppies."

"If my father says that we may," Pear Blossom declared.

Now Miss Reed invited the children to have some hot soup. But Fu Lee said that they couldn't wait. They must gather leaves. They had lost much time coming to the mission.

"I know that you burn cornstalks as well as leaves," Miss Reed said. "There are many old cornstalks back of the school you may have. They will make more fuel than the leaves you can gather today."

So the children stayed for lunch. Before they left, Miss Reed invited them to attend school at the mission.

As they hurried home, Ling Wang said, "If you two go to the mission school, I can go, too."

The children's father was very pleased about the cornstalks. He would get them with a cart. He said that they might keep the puppy. And that they might go to the mission school. The boys believed that the puppy had led them to the mission school. But Pear Blossom believed that it was God.

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"A nickel rubbed by a million fingers and fed into a thousand slot machines finally loses its inscription and has a tendency to become a mere slug. Pastor Gockel has tried to restore that coin in a form that will make its inscription meaningful and its substance valuable. He has done this, all the while underlining the fact that the reader, although he may be a "common man," is himself no ordinary person because he has been redeemed by the blood of Christ, as of a Lamb without blemish and without spot!" Thus writes Dr. Oswald C. J. Hoffman of the book, *THE CROSS AND THE COMMON MAN*, by Herman W. Gockel. The author is religious director of the successful television drama, "This Is the Life." Order from the Baptist Book Store or from Concordia Publishing House, 3558 South Jefferson Avenue, Saint Louis 18, Missouri (\$2.00).

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Deacons, Be Tithe Conscious!

(Editor's Note: The following address was made by Dr. Curtis W. Caine at the recent Ladies Night Meeting of the deacons and their wives and special guests at the First Church, Jackson. Such a meeting is held annually.)

Brother Pastor, Mr Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am flattered to have been asked to relate to you the feelings, impressions, requirements, obligations, opportunities, joys, sorrows, and privileges of a young deacon. Being the youngest on the Board in point of age, and one of the youngest in point of service, I am eminently disqualified from being an authority on any of these subjects.

I'm reminded of the time Doctor Hudgins accidentally dropped his neatly typed sermon notes and Mr. Laird picked them up and thumbed through them. In the margin by point "3" were penciled these words "Yell loudly — argument weak." So, if I raise my voice to emphasize a point, you'll understand I know least about it.

In these short months, I've been impressed with the singleness of opinion of you gentlemen. There is never a disagreement. It's like the relationship Lynn and I have at home. No arguments, no misunderstandings, no spats — as long as she's attending a tea across town somewhere and I'm at the hospital. Then there is always a quiet and serene relaxing air around home when we're both there — as long as she has her way. We, gentlemen, are just such a happy family. We disagree, we arbitrate, we ballot, we haggle — but we work together for the agreed-upon plan of action.

Any person with a modicum of intelligence can learn by experience, but it takes a smart person to learn by the experience of others.

Representing the group of deacons, recently ordained, we request your patience, your counsel, your indulgence, and we'll try to profit thereby.

This Church has 5,160 members on roll, of which 3,436 are resident, and a budget for 1956 of \$271,500.00. There are 1746 subscribers to the financial support of the cause of Christ through this Church. (Shout) There are 562 who return to the Lord one-tenth of what He has given them. One-third of the givers, one-seventh of the resident members, one-tenth of the total membership. The argument is very weak, hence the increase in volume. We have 131 ordained deacons of whom 91 are active. So we account for at least 131 tithees, because each of us is a tithe, of course. We can't worthily fill the shoes of Deaconship without follow-

ing the Lord's admonition about giving even if we're perfect on all other counts. We can't expect the members of our Church to tithe if we do not set the example.

I'm vehemently opposed to a money-conscious preacher who dogs his congregation at every service about finances and measures his success in dollars and cents instead of souls. I don't propose a front page advertising campaign to shame, browbeat, or intimidate the deacons or the general membership into begrudgingly signing a pledge card to tithe. What I propose is sober thinking by each individual and a decision to honor the Lord with more than Sunday morning attendance at a Church service and "tipping" Him when the plate passes.

One of the Gubernatorial Aspirants recently ran on his Father's reputation — and lost. And I hesitate to mention the following for that fact, but the two cases are not comparable. The Lord singly blessed me by honoring me as the son of my Father. He is the finest Christian Gentleman I know. He has been a Deacon in the First Baptist Church in New Orleans since 1910. He is the world's foremost Physician in his Specialty. Anything I know about Anesthesiology that is worthwhile I learned from him. I am proud to say he has been a faithful and honest tithe since 1902 — fifty-three years. What this world needs is men like him who are in places of leadership and fellowship; who guide the destiny of men; who are helmsmen in Federal, State and Municipal Government; executives in industry and business; salesmen; — yes, deacons, old and new, of the First Baptist Church who are Christians and proud of it, and who will stand up and be counted.

The birth of Christ is the wonder of my life! Luke 2: 11, 18, 20

The life of Christ is the light of my life! John 1:4

The death of Christ is the salvation of my life! 1 Corinthians 15:3

The resurrection of Christ is the power of my life! Philippians 3:10 and 4:13

The presence of Christ is the joy of my life! Psalm 16:11, John 15:11

The will of Christ is the law of my life! Matthew 12:50, John 14:15, and 15:14

The glory of Christ is the crown of my life! Galatians 6: 14, II Timothy 4:8

Therefore, service for Christ is the business of my life! Luke 9:23, John 20:21, Acts 1:8

I challenge you — Let's make this Church tithe conscious!

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THE BAPTIST RECORD
KEEP'S MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST PEOPLE INFORMED.

Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: Rev. S. B. Herrington, Parchman; Rev. M. S. Riley, Philipp; Rev. R. Y. Gerrard, Utica; Rev. M. B. Smith, Louisville, Kentucky; Rev. W. A. Davis, Monticello; and Rev. Leonard Holloway, Jackson.

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Edgar N. Jackson, pastor of Mamaroneck Methodist Church, Mamaroneck, New York has studied at the Postgraduate Center for Psychotherapy in New York City, as well as Ohio Wesleyan University and Yale Divinity School. He combines his knowledge of psychodynamics and psychotherapy with his practical experiences as a minister in his new book, *HOW TO PREACH TO PEOPLE'S NEEDS*. This book should prove to be a very desirable and helpful one to all preachers. Each of the 17 chapters deals with a special emotional problem, such as anger, defeat, guilt, sorrow, fear, doubt, loneliness, old age, immaturity, insecurity. After analyzing the problem he gives several resumes of sermons which have dealt effectively with that particular problem. "To preach to people's needs most effectively," says Mr. Jackson, "the preacher must KNOW those needs." Order this practical handbook from the Baptist Book Store or from Abingdon Press, Nashville, Tennessee, for \$2.75.

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Sunday School Lesson

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By Dr. CLIFTON J. ALLEN
JESUS TEACHES GRATITUDE

Bible Text: Luke 17:1-19
We will study Luke 16 along with a part of Luke 19 in connection with a lesson on stewardship. The lesson before us is a continuation of Jesus' later Porean ministry. This was interrupted, as we learn from John's Gospel, by a visit to Bethany for the raising of Lazarus, after which Jesus made a circuit along the border of Samaria and Galilee. In the opening verses of our larger lesson we have Jesus' warning about offenses and his instruction about forgiveness. He then assured the disciples of the wondrous power of faith and declared that obedience to God is our duty.

We concentrate our study upon the healing of the ten lepers and the grateful thanks expressed by one of them (11-19). If Christians will learn and practice these teachings, they will have gone far along the way of discipleship.

The Samaritan leper exemplifies the spirit becoming to Christians: thanksgiving to God for his countless mercies.

TEN LEOPERS

Ten lepers—nine Jews and one Samaritan—brought together by their common misery, came to meet Jesus with a plea for help. The lot of lepers was indeed pitiable. According to the requirement of the Mosaic law (Lev. 13:45), they were required to disfigure themselves, separate themselves from the company of others, and cry a word of warning to all they met: "Unclean, unclean." So, in this case, they "stood afar off" as they made their plea to Jesus for help. Doubtless they had already heard of him. His response to their appeal was a commandment to go and show themselves to the priests. This also was in keeping with the Mosaic law: the ones fortunate enough to recover from the dread disease had to appear before the priests to be absolved from the ban of isolation.

Therefore, the command of Jesus was a test of their faith. It implied that they would find themselves cleansed upon appearing before the priests. As

they went away, they suddenly discovered that their leprosy was gone, and they were clean. The power of Jesus had acted upon them to perform a miracle of blessed healing.

THE GRATEFUL SAMARITAN

Only one out of the ten returned to give thanks to the Lord. Luke tells us that he was a Samaritan. It is nothing short of amazing that the other nine did not return with praise for the wonderful blessing received. The Samaritan, however, recognized his debt. With true insight and thankful heart he rushed back to Jesus, fell at his feet, and poured out his gratitude.

Luke with characteristic emphasis holds up a Samaritan in good light. He thus emphasized the universal aspect of Christ's mission. Samaritans, as well as Jews, are within the circle of God's infinite love. The grateful Samaritan stands as a symbol of the multitudes of every race and tribe and nation who will make up the redeemed family and offer their praise and gratitude to Christ throughout eternity.

WHERE ARE THE NINE?

All ten lepers had been cleansed, but nine had become so absorbed in themselves that they forgot the source of their blessing. Jesus' question, "Where are the nine?" was a masterful commentary on the natural tendency of men to be self-centered and unthankful. His words also reveal the natural longing of his own soul for appreciation. He was not so much concerned to receive praise and thanks for his own sake; he was chiefly concerned that those he helped would experience the blessing of gratitude and learn the grace of thanksgiving. We are all prone to forget the source of our greatest blessing. We become so occupied with selfish interest that we find little opportunity for counting our blessings.

The grateful Samaritan awoke not only to his need of cleansing from leprosy but also his need of cleansing from sin. As he gave thanks to Jesus, his whole being must have reached up to him with trust and love. In dismissing him, Jesus said, "Thy faith hath made thee whole." He then had soundness of spiritual health and life eternal.

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Calvary, Pascagoula Celebrates Pastor's Tenth Anniversary



Rev. M. S. Varnado

On a recent Sunday Calvary Church, Pascagoula, held a Tenth Anniversary service for their pastor, Rev. M. S. Varnado. The service was a complete surprise for the pastor.

Reports presented at this service revealed that during the ten years pastorate there have been 628 to unite on profession of faith, and 630 by transfer of membership. Homes for pastor and music-education director have been purchased; an educational building erected and furnished, with teaching accommodations for 600; the auditorium finished; and an organ purchased.

In addition to the physical improvements, there have been eleven men to answer the call to the ministry, four others for foreign mission service, with two entering the field of Music and Educational ministries.

During this ten-year pastorate there have been organized two missions, one of which has grown into a strong church. This has been a Four Star Church for eight years.

Presiding over this Anniversary Service was Rev. Billy Duncan, freshman ministerial student at Mississippi College, and the most recent candidate for the ministry from Calvary. The guest speaker was Rev. J. A. Hollaway, pastor at Yokena, and former Chairman of Deacons and Training Union Director at Calvary.

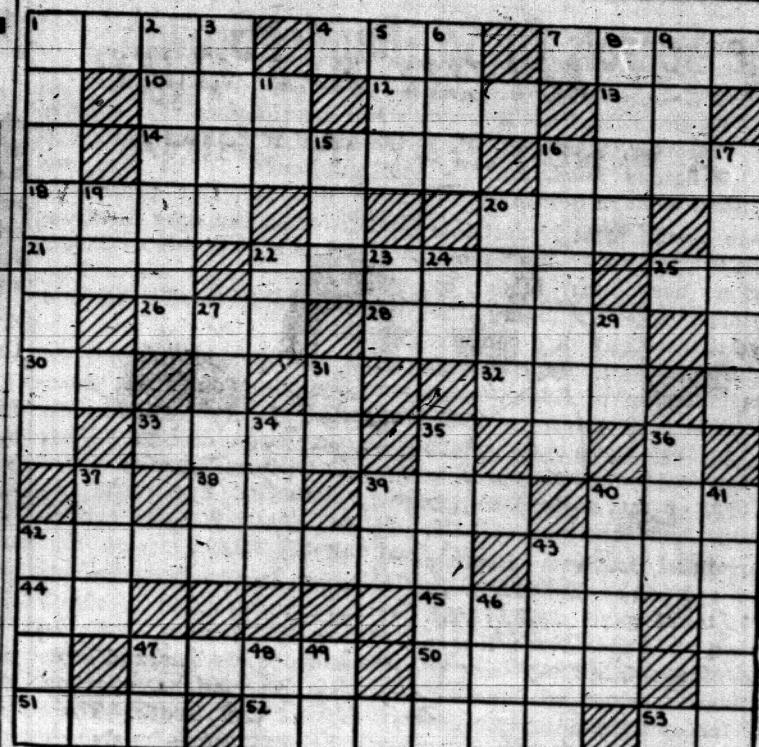
Through the years, Calvary's Plan of Finances has been tithes and offerings, with no special offerings and No Every Member Canvas. The 1956 budget includes for all mission causes approximately twenty percent of the budget.

Rev. and Mrs. Varnado are graduates of Southwestern Seminary, and native Mississippians.

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Rev. William O'Daniel, pastor of the Askew Church in Panola County, has accepted the pastorate of Palestine Church in Palestine, Arkansas.

Mr. O'Daniel has served as pastor at Askew for the past two years and three months.

Matthew 22
ACROSS

Our text is 4, 7, 21, 22, 39, 40, 51 and 52 combined
1 Hill of glacial origin
4 "which made a marriage . . . his son" :2

7 "and as . . . as ye shall find" :9

10 Emergency Conservation Work (abbr.)

12 Fresh

13 Month (abbr.)

14 "Sent forth his . . . and destroyed" :7

16 ". . . bad and good" :10

18 Cover with stone

20 "took . . . servants, and entreated them spitefully" :6

21 "Tell them which . . . bidden" :4

22 Summoned

25 Fourth tone in the scale

26 "and they would . . . come" :3

28 "all things are . . . :4

30 Printers measure

32 Golf mound

33 "gathered together all as many as . . . found" :10

38 Ancestor of Jesus Luke 3:28

39 ". . . they made light of it" :5
40 Not many

42 "come unto the . . ." :4

43 English novelist in America

44 "king came . . . to see the guests" :11

45 Blur

47 ". . . him hand and foot" :13

50 Limited extent of time

51 Same as 21 across

52 Selected

53 Exclamation of surprise

DOWN

1 "Behold, I have . . . my dinner" :4

2 "kingdom of . . . is like unto a certain king" :2

3 160 square rods

5 and 40 down ". . . to his . . . another to his merchandise" :5

6 Thing (Law)

8 A prophet

9 "they which were bidden were . . . worthy" :8

11 Worshipful Master (abbr.)

15 Priest and officer to David II Sam. 20:26

16 "to call them that were . . . :3

17 When the king . . . thereof" :7

19 Capital of Moab Num. 21:15

20 Excessive warmth

22 Cent (abbr.)

23 Lira (abbr.)

24 The (Fr.)

27 "Again, he sent forth . . . servants" :4

29 "Go . . . therefore into the highways" :9

31 ". . . oxen and . . . fatlings are killed" :4

34 Son of Gad Gen. 46:16

35 "the wedding was furnished with . . ." :10

36 Ever (Contr.)

37 ". . . which had not on a wedding garment" :11

39 Brigadier General (abbr.)

40 See 5 down

41 "heard thereof, he was . . ." :7

42 Variable star

43 "and . . . ed up their city" :7

46 Sheltered side

47 "there shall . . . weeping and gnashing of teeth" :13

48 South Atlantic State (abbr.)

49 Deadhead (abbr.)

Ruth Pastor Is Called To Shiloh

Rev. Harold Clower has accepted the pastorate of Shiloh Church in Lawrence County. For the past two years he has served as pastor at Ruth.

During Mr. Clower's pastorate at Ruth there has been an increase in membership and in mission work.

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NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BSSB)

The theme for Christian Home Week in 1956, which is sponsored by the Home Education Department of the Sunday School Board, is "A Christian Home Develops Character." Materials on this subject are now being prepared for distribution early in 1956, according to Dr. Joe W. Burton, department secretary.

Mr. O'Daniel has served as pastor at Askew for the past two years and three months.

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The Secrets Of So. Baptist Growth

By Dr. J. M. PRICE
Director, School of Religious Education
Southwestern Seminary

One of the most remarkable gains ever made by any denomination has been made by Southern Baptists in a little more than a third of a century. In 1919 Southern Baptists had a membership of 2,961,348. In 1954 this had grown to 8,169,491. In 1919 there were about 90 churches with a membership of 1000 or more. By 1954 the number had increased to 1218.

In 1919 Southern Baptists gave a total of \$21,327,446. In 1954 they gave \$305,573,654. During this period we had a gain of about 225 per cent in baptisms, 240 per cent in Sunday school enrollment, 580 per cent in Training Union enrollment, and 610 per cent in gifts to missions. Comparable gains were made in other phases of the work.

Why these tremendous gains? It is the opinion of the writer that the primary reason has not been our doctrinal soundness. A previous generation gave more emphasis to doctrine than we have, even to the point of public debates on doctrine.

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Nor has the main reason been the fact that we have had greater pulpiteers. To be sure, we have had splendid preachers. But prior to the date mentioned we had such giants as Carter Helm Jones, Henry Alfred Porter, George W. McDaniel, and others.

Nor has the chief reason been our emphasis on mass movements. The Seventy-Five Million Campaign did go a long way in shaking Baptists out of their lethargy. But while we pledged \$91,000,000, we collected only \$58,000,000.

Neither can we attribute this outstanding growth to simultaneous efforts in revivals, stewardship, missions, and Bible study in associations, districts, states, and the South. These have helped tremendously but they have not been our main reason for growth.

It is the firm conviction of the writer that certain other emphases have been mainly responsible for the growth.

One is that of personal visitation by lay people through the organizations of the church. One church even divided its territory into districts, putting a leader with a corps of helpers over each district, and saw to it that every newcomer was visited within a week. Never have we had so much personal visitation among the unsaved and unenlisted.

Another primary reason has been our emphasis on childhood and youth, when ideals are shaped and habits developed. In the past we magnified adult conversions and baptisms. Frequently youth were not permitted to join the church until they were fifteen or sixteen. The peak of conversion was nearly sixteen years of age. Later it moved down to around thirteen, and now it is near ten.

Likewise the stress on a graded program of church work has achieved results. Instruction, worship, music, and materials have all been adapted to age and experience. No longer does a little child study a Uniform Sunday School Lesson with topics such as "Sennacherib's Invasion" and "The Unpardonable Sin."

Likewise we have connected training with teaching so as to build habits as well as shape ideals. It was in the early twenties that we gradually moved away from high pressure financial drives to the use of the Sunday school to secure pledges and week-by-week gifts. So we have trained a generation of systematic, proportionate givers. A little child in Fort Worth found on the sidewalk a penny and came in to ask its mother how it could give one-tenth of it to the church.

In this connection a word might be said with regard to the value of lay vocation leaders in our churches. A survey

CHOOSE YE!



THOU SHALT TRULY TITHE

The Baptist Record appreciates a copy of the minutes of the Holmes County Association which met in 35th annual session on October 13, 1955 with the Oregon Church. The next session is to be held with the First Church, Lexington, on October 18. The minutes are attractively prepared and printed.

made recently by Secretary J. P. Edmunds revealed that in churches without educational directors the ratio of baptisms to church members was about 1 to 25, whereas those having directors showed 1 to 20. And the average total per capita gifts without the directors was \$37.40 per member, whereas it was \$53.60 with directors.

All of this bears out the conclusions above. While fewer than one-fourth of the unconverted people are in Sunday school, they furnish more than three-fourths of the baptisms. Benjamin Kidd was right when he said: "Give us the young, and by inculcating a passion for the ideal, we can change any organization, any institution in one generation." This has been our strategy, and it has achieved results. It is doing it on the mission field as well as in the homeland.

Others are to meet secularism, communism, Catholicism, and other false views, it will be done by intensifying these procedures. "They that be teachers shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever."

Puzzle Answers

P	A	H	F	O	M	N	Y
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Baptist Student Union

CHAS. W. HORNER, Secretary
Box 530 — Phone 2-1600 — Jackson

Shown here is Mr. Ray Bate-
mon, of Birmingham, Alabama,
who on February 1 succeeded

Miss Gladys Bryant as BSU
Director for East Central
Junior College.

Mr. Bate-
mon is a gradu-
ate of Miss.
College and
of the Berry
schools and,
prior to attending Miss. Col-
lege, was a student at Baylor
University. He has been active
in the BSU of both Baylor and
Miss. College and, we predict,
will do a great work for the
Lord at Decatur.

Miscellanea
Attendance of the Life Serv-
ice Band at Blue Mountain dur-
ing December was the best of
the year.

Being a part of the World
Missions Conferences in Laurel
and Philadelphia and worship-
ping with the Robinson Street
Church, Jackson, comprise our
most recent peregrinations.

The European Tour being con-
ducted by History Prof. Robert
H. Spiro, Jr., of Miss. College,
this summer looks good. If inter-
ested, write him.

Christian Horizons, the Stu-
dent Volunteer Movement for
Christian Missions listing of
openings in missionary service
in many countries of the world,
has been received. Openings are
listed in Agricultural Work,
Business administration, Edu-
cational Work, Evangelistic and
General Church Work, Medical
Work, Student Work and in
other fields. Write us for in-
formation.

Students, et. al. may purchase
from the American Bible So-
ciety for very nominal prices
all or a portion of the Bible for
practically any student from
any foreign country. Write us
for information.

Kearney Travis, Jr., has re-
cently been elected BSU Presi-
dent for Miss. Southern. Other
officers are Perry Lou Milner,
Johnny Wong, Sarah Reid,
Becky Montgomery, Mary Lynn
Carter, John Britt, Martha
Darby, Alan Tiegreen, Jane
Beverly and Bettye Deaton.

Millsaps BSU learned the
truth of the scripture, "It is
more blessed to give than re-
ceive," by giving Christmas din-
ner and more to a needy Negro
family in Jackson.

Letter received from Frank
Hart Smith, grad. of Miss. Col-
lege and now Minister of Ac-
tivities for 7th and James
Church, Waco, Tex. (across st.
from Baylor) who recently mar-
ried.

Feb. Baptist Student carries,
among other fine articles, a
most excellent piece by Walter
Judd on "A World in Conflict."

Report comes of a fine Co-
Lin student who is definitely

making his plans to become a
medical missionary.

Recruits for Christ, the For-
eign Board film, still being
used effectively over the State.
Write for booking. It's free.

Some are volunteering for
Youth-Led Revivals, Student
Summer Missions. Write us
right away if you feel God
wants you to do one or the other
this summer. Deadline on ap-
plying for latter is Feb. 15.
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My Favorite Bible Verse

1. By Mrs. Dexter Tanner,
Mt. Olive

"In God is my salvation and
my glory; the rock of my
strength, and my refuge is in
God." (Psalms 62:7)

II. By Mrs. A. B. Whetstone,
Magee

"Yea, though I walk through
the valley of the shadow of
death I will fear no evil; for
thou art with me; thy rod and
thy staff they comfort me."
(Psalms 23:4)

III. By Harold Heflin,
Longview

"Therefore if any man be in
Christ, he is a new creature;
old things are passed away; be-
hold, all things are become
new." (II Corinthians 5:17)

IV. By Henry L. Spence,
Hazlehurst

"But let him that glorieth
glory in this, that he under-
standeth and knoweth me, that
I am the Lord which exercise
loving kindness, judgment, and
righteousness, in the earth: for
in these things I delight, saith
the Lord" (Jeremiah 9:24).
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CALENDAR OF PRAYER

February 6 — District Sunday
School Conferences; Rev. Lin-
coln D. Newman, Associa-
tional Missionary, Southeast
Area.

February 7 — Rev. Carey Cox,
Trustee, Baptist Hospital;
Earl Cockrell, Trustee, Clarke
College.

February 8 — Dr. S. R. Wood-
son, Trustee, Baptist Orphan-
age; Leslie Darden, Trustee,
Blue Mountain College.

February 9 — Dr. Guy C. Mitch-
ell, Mississippi College facul-
ty; Mrs. C. L. Bryant, Ben-
ton Association; W. M. U.
Supt.

February 10 — Dr. I. E. Rouse,
William Carey College Presi-
dent; Faye Cannon, Baptist
Building.

February 11 — Elois Coward,
BSU Director, Southwest Jun-
ior College; Mrs. M. C. Wal-
drup, Riverside Association
Training Union Director.

February 12 — YWA Focus
Week; Rev. A. C. Johnson,
Union Association Brotherhood
President.

Thursday, February 2, 1956

THE BAPTIST RECORD

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Sparks & Splinters

If a Sunday School in Laurel that had 223 in Sunday School on January 22 is wondering why their attendance did not appear in last week's issue, the answer is that they mailed a postal card to the Baptist Record in plenty of time, but failed to give the name of the church nor did any person sign the card.

What is Christianity? In the home, it is kindness; in business, it is honesty; in society, it is courtesy; in work, it is thoroughness; in play, it is fairness; toward the fortunate, it is congratulation; toward the unfortunate, it is pity; toward the weak, it is help; toward the wicked, it is resistance; toward the strong, it is trust; toward the penitent, it is forgiveness; and toward God, it is reverence and love. —Douglas Hyde

The Baptist Record appreciates a copy of the minutes of the Mississippi Association, which met in 149th annual session on October 6 and 7. The meeting was held with the Galilee and Gillsburg Churches; the next session will be held with the Liberty and Mt. Olive Churches. The minutes are attractively prepared and printed.

MADRAS, India (RNS) — 30,000 persons from all over South India attended the first public meeting of Evangelist Billy Graham's three-week India crusade. Mr. Graham's address was interpreted in two dialects. The first meeting had been scheduled for Bombay but was cancelled because of the political rioting there.

I belong to the church because:

If nobody belonged to the church, there would be no church; and if the church with all its influences for good were suddenly taken away, I would want to leave town immediately.

While I may not agree with all its ideas of theology, I believe in its ideas of life.

While I share in the blessings of a Christian civilization, I want to be square enough to have a share in the church's work.

Although church giving is the highest in United States history, the average American Protestant of all age groups from the early teens up gives slightly less than a dollar a week. Forty-nine denominations, with a total claimed membership of 34 million received contributions totaling \$1,687,921,729 — nearly 10 per cent more than contributions to the same churches during the previous year.

An early end of the "indefensible practice" of serving liquor on passenger airliners has been urged in a resolution adopted by the General Council of the American Baptist Convention meeting in Chicago.



The Adult Choir at Hebron Church, Sardis, recently presented a cantata, "Come to Bethlehem," as a part of the annual Christmas program.

Pictured left to right are: (Seated—Connie Haynes, Stella Wilson, Eleanor Neely, Mrs. J. R. Haynes, Barbara Scallorn.) (Standing—Mrs. Ernest Hill, Mrs. Mark Blakely, Ernest Hill, Jr., Rev. R. L. Jackson, pastor, Ray Legge, Charles Hill, and Alice Ann Hill, accompanist.)

The Home and Foreign Mission Boards have closed the doors to further requests for missionaries to serve in 1957 Schools of Missions, according to L. W. Martin, secretary of Missionary Education, Home Mission Board. "The requests already filed will require the services of even more missionaries than are now available," he said. Martin pointed out that those contemplating Schools of Missions set dates for 1958 and contact their state director of Schools of Missions for further action in planning such a missionary education institute.

Andrew W. Blackwood, Jr., son of the well-known author-teacher-preacher, has just completed another book entitled WHEN GOD CAME DOWN. These messages deal with the Incarnation. The author holds the central purpose of Christ's coming ever before us. Order from the Baptist Book Store or from the Baker Book House, Grand Rapids 6, Michigan. Price: \$1.50.

THE HEART OF PETER MARSHALL'S FAITH, published January 16 by the Fleming H. Revell Company, Westwood, N. J., brings together two of Dr. Marshall's most brilliant messages which embrace, Catherine Marshall says, "the gist of what he believed about some of life's most important relationships in this world, and fulfillment in the next." In his Easter message, "The Grave in the Garden," Peter Marshall tells the Crucifixion and Resurrection stories in the colorful and stirring language which only he could command and offers his witness to his faith in life after death, a convincing account of the evidences of immortality. In the other message in this book, "Keepers of the Springs," Dr. Marshall pays tribute to mothers as guardians of Christ's principles on earth and calls for deeper spiritual insight and a higher moral tone in human life. Order from the Baptist Book Store or the publisher for \$1.00.

A county-by-county census of church and synagogue membership is being made by the National Council of Churches. Statistics on all faiths are being gathered and when completed the study will enable any religious group to determine its constituency in any county of the United States. Basic statistics for the study were supplied by the statisticians of the various religious groups and denominations.

Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Waring, Brookhaven; Rev. L. C. Brown, Forest; Mrs. Z. B. Whisenant, New Albany; Rev. James E. Powell, McComb; Rev. B. L. Overby, Mississippi College; Mr. and Mrs. Auber J. Wilds, Oxford; Mrs. Jack Covington, Raymond; J. B. Lippincott, Hattiesburg; Roy Myers, Vicksburg.

William Hordern has written a book entitled A LAYMAN'S GUIDE TO PROTESTANT THEOLOGY in which he summarizes many controversial views and concludes with his own personal view. The varying thoughts are revealed in such chapter titles as: The Threat of Orthodoxy, Fundamentalism or Conservative Christianity; Liberalism; Neo-Orthodoxy, etc. Order from the publisher, The Macmillan Company, 60 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N. Y. or from the Baptist Book Store. \$3.50.

UNDERSTANDING THE PUPIL (Part I, "The Pre-School Pupil") is written by Marjorie Elaine Soderholm, instructor of Christian education at Trinity Seminary and Bible College, Chicago, Illinois and is published by Baker Book House, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Selling for \$1, the book discusses the relationships of the Cradle Roll to the Sunday School and lists the physical, mental, social, emotional, and spiritual characteristics of both the Nursery and the Beginner child. Order from the Baptist Book Store or the publisher for \$1.00.

BAPTIST Training UNION

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Promote Magnify-Church-Membership Week

The central theme of the Golden Baptist Church, Golden, Mississippi.

The new officers are as follows: Director, Mr. C. B. Mayhall; Associate Director, Mr. Truman Holley; Secretary, Mrs. C. B. Mayhall; Chorister, Mr. Oco Horn; Pianist, Harmon Davis. Rev. W. A. Hamilton is pastor.

FILMSTRIP NEWS

The Training Union Executive Committee is the title of a new 32 single frame cartoon-type filmstrip ready for purchase from your Book Store. This filmstrip indicates the purpose, function, suggested time of meeting, and responsibilities of the Executive Committee. Two manuals accompany this filmstrip.

The Training Union Officers' Council is another color cartoon 29 single color frame filmstrip with two manuals.

This filmstrip presents the purpose and step-by-step procedure recommended in an adequate monthly council meeting of the Training Union. Values of such a meeting are listed for discussion and utilization. This is available from your Book Store.

CLARKE ASSOCIATION

Clarke Associational Training Union recently conducted a mass meeting at DeSoto Baptist Church. Eleven churches, seven Training Union directors, and

three pastors were and a total of eighty-two present were some of the outstanding results of the meeting. Rev. Al Finch of Mississippi College, pastor of DeSoto Baptist Church, presided over the meeting.

The following churches were represented: Center Ridge, DeSoto, Enterprise, Harmony, Hebron Ridge, Oak Grove, Pine Grove, Pleasant Grove, Quitman, Shubuta, and Stonewall.

GOLDEN ORGANIZES

Northeast Area Missionary R. B. Patterson reports a new Training Union organized in Tishomingo Association at the

Reports from 803 associations indicated an M-night attendance, December 5, of 358,927, with 15,153 churches represented. Almost 11,000 pastors were in attendance.

The Baptist Record appreciates a copy of the minutes of the 78th annual session of the Gulf Coast Association, which was held with the Long Beach Church on October 17, 18, 19, 1955. The next session is to be held with the Grace Memorial Church, Gulfport, on October 15, 16, 17. The minutes are attractively prepared and printed.

The Civil Aeronautics Board has been told that if American commercial airlines stopped serving free champagne and liquor to trans-Atlantic passengers the subsidy bill to taxpayers would be reduced. It was stated that since American overseas passenger operations are conducted at a loss, which the taxpayers assume through subsidies, the free liquor is being served at the taxpayers' expense.

(Editors' Note: In other words we non-drinkers are helping to pay for the liquor for the drinkers.)

Layman Take Stock Of Duty To Unsaved

By CULLUM GREENE

A group of Christian laymen got together recently in Louisville, Ky., to take stock of their responsibilities toward reaching unsaved men in today's confused world.

So far as known, the Layman's Leadership Institute, held on the campus of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary was the first of its kind ever held. It set what its sponsors hope will be a pattern for other similar conferences which ultimately will snowball into a giant-size renaissance of laymen witnessing.

The 300-odd laymen who attended from 29 states and Canada did so on an invitation basis. The institute was an inter-denominational gathering.

Sponsors spared no efforts or expense in providing speakers of topnotch caliber. Except for one or two — Evangelist Billy Graham and Dr. Duke McCall, president of the host seminary — all of the speakers were laymen.

Included in the list of speakers were Horace H. Hull, Memphis Tenn., president of Hull-Dobbs Motor Co., the largest Ford distributorship in the world; Herbert J. Taylor, Chicago, chairman of the board, Club Aluminum Products Company; Frank G. Clement, Nashville, governor of Tennessee; Smythe Gambrell, Atlanta, Ga., president of the American Bar Association; Ben Wooten, Dallas, president of the First National Bank; Leon H. Sullivan, Philadelphia, investments; Dr. Ralph Overman, Oak Ridge, Tenn., nuclear scientist; Frank Nelson, Racine, Wis., head of an engineering firm and president of the American Baptist Convention, and Howard E. Butt Jr., Corpus Christi, Texas, vice president of a 65-store supermarket chain.

Exposition was marked by discussion periods in which those who spoke joined with the men in the audience in asking and answering questions on how to lead men to Christ through daily contacts.

In coffee breaks at each session and at meals the participants held smaller discussion periods uncovering other ways in which witnessing can become an integral part in one's life.

In the only major resolution approved at the institute each man present agreed to win at least one person to Christ during the year ahead.

The idea for the institute came from a young Kansas City, Mo., layman, Charles E. Curry, president of a savings and loan firm.

R. Y. Gerrard Resigns Pastorate At Utica



Rev. R. Y. Gerrard

Rev. R. Y. Gerrard has resigned the pastorate at Utica to accept the pastorate of Liberty Church in Covington, Tennessee. Liberty Church, where Mr. Gerrard will begin his work on February 5, is now in a building program.

During his four years at Utica much progress has been made.

There have been two young men licensed to preach, and one young woman has dedicated her life to full time Christian service.

R. A.'s, G. A.'s and Y. W. A.'s have been organized, along with a Youth Fellowship on Sunday night after the service. A Brotherhood has also been organized. The Family Night Service on Wednesday was instituted.

There have been 134 additions to the church during the period, 46 by baptism, 31 by rebaptism, and 57 by letter.

During the period a new brick church has been constructed. It is fully air-conditioned. The building is free of debt, but a small amount is owed for fixtures and air-conditioning. The building is valued at \$75,000.

There has been a steady increase in Sunday school and Training Union attendance.

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Negro Baptists Adopt Evangelistic Program

HOT SPRINGS, Ark. — (BP) — The National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc., which represents more Negro Baptists than any other group, has voted to take part in a cooperative Baptist evangelistic program from 1959 to 1964.

The decision came at the Convention's mid-winter meeting here. Eight or nine Baptist groups in North America may join in the united effort to win more to Christ.

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The Baptist Record appreciates a copy of the minutes of the Perry County Association, which met at the Beaumont Church in 1955. The next meeting will be held with the Rich-ton Church on October 25 and 26. The minutes are attractively prepared and printed.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION

ATTENDANCE

January 29, 1956

Greenwood, North	391	102
Edwards	76	37
Hattiesburg, Main St.	976	481
Mission	11	
Laurel, First	608	172
Jackson, First	1328	461
Jackson, Broadmoor	474	223
Flowood	119	107
Jackson,		
Daniel, Memorial	741	328
Richland (Rankin)	197	94
Jackson, Midway	193	70
Jackson, West	358	186
Jackson, Hillcrest	273	148
Eastside (Rankin)	113	66
Pearl (Rankin)	200	117
Jackson, Highland	151	85
Jackson, Van Winkle	614	270
Clinton	502	233
Jackson, Calvary	1405	464
Main	1347	438
Mission	58	26
Pine Bluff (Copiah)	71	52
Gulfport, New Hope	147	48
Gulfport, First	963	290
McComb, Locust St.	105	68
Moak's Creek		
(Lincoln)	156	72
Stonewall	249	106
Furrs (Pontotoc)	97	50
Marks, First	249	72
Longview (Oktibbeha)	79	72
Jackson, Southside	293	178
Pleasant Ridge		
(Holmes)	83	61
Columbia, First	737	263
Main	666	223
South Columbia		
Mission	71	40
Jackson, North Side	703	216
Batesville, First	463	215
Providence (Lebanon)	211	102
Tupelo, East	310	175
Collins		
173	90	
Soso, First	163	103
Morton		
Main	333	223
Mission	253	111
Macedonia (Lincoln)	243	115
McComb, Friendship	165	94
Main	123	68
Mission	42	26
Briar Hill (Rankin)	99	55
Pascagoula, First	855	251
First	737	212
McArthur Chapel	61	
Orange Grove		
Chapel	57	39
Cleveland, Immanuel	206	123
Canton		
Center Terrace	251	139
Bethlehem (Jones)	156	116
Laurel, Highland	260	112
Starkville, First	639	250
Bruce		
247	113	
Concord (Choctaw)	80	77
Long Beach	418	95
Houston, First	328	161
Hernando		
179	76	
Biloxi, East Howard	206	109
Mendenhall		
349	138	
Crystal Springs, First	658	277
Kosciusko, First	800	252
Main	758	
Maple Mission	42	
Brookhaven, First	865	179
Main	753	201
Southway	80	47
Halbert Heights	32	31
Mt. Zion (Lincoln)	147	72
Hattiesburg, 38th Ave.	230	130
Columbus, First	1004	304
Main	901	359
Fairview		
103	55	

Newton, First

Cross Roads (Rankin)

Petal-Harvey

Main

Harvey

Richton Road

Bay St. Louis, First

Hattiesburg, Temple

Picayune, First

Meridian:

 South Side

 First

 Forty-First Ave.

 Highland

 Oakland Heights

 Key Field

 Fifteenth Ave.

 Grandview Chapel

 Oak Grove

 Poplar Springs Dr.

 State Boulevard

 Eighth Ave.

 Eastview

 Union, First

 Murphy Creek

 (Winston)

 Ruth

 Ripley, First

 Hattiesburg, First

 New Sight (Lincoln)

 Fellowship (Choctaw)

 Puckett (Rankin)

 Ruleville

 Corinth, East

 Calvary (Alcorn)

 Beulah (Holmes)

 Aberdeen, First

 West Point, Calvary

 Booneville, First

 Glenfield (Union Co.)

 Union Chapel

 (Chickasaw)

 Pleasant Hill (Desoto)

 Greenville, Second

 Grenada, First

 Clarksdale, Oakhurst

 Gulfport, Broadmoor

 Clarksdale

 Gulfport

 Grace Memorial

 Bluff Springs (Pike)

 Wayside (Yalobusha)

 Purvis, First

January 22, 1956

Union, First

Calhoun City, First

— BR —

The country church has contributed much to the life of Southern Baptists. Many Baptist leaders were led to the Lord in rural communities. Dr. S. F. Dowis, Secretary of Cooperative Missions of the Home Mission Board, has written a 51-page booklet entitled LONG RANGE RURAL CHURCH PROGRAM OF SOUTHERN BAPTISTS.

In addition to discussing long-range plans for rural churches, the author lists the state superintendents of missions and gives a list of books concerning rural churches and communities. He gives the names of the persons on the Long Range Rural Church Committee, of which Dr. Chester L. Quarles is the Chairman. Dr. J. T. Gillespie is the director of the SBC Rural Church Department. The booklet is published by the Home Mission Board, 161 Spring Street, N. W., Atlanta 3, Georgia, Courts Redford, Executive Secretary-Treasurer. Order from them or from the Baptist Book Store.

50, 40 and 25 Years Ago

50 Years Ago

The Clinton Church closed a very successful revival meeting with Rev. J. P. Culpepper of Poplarville doing the preaching, resulting in thirty accessions by baptism. Pastor P. I. Lipsey, reporting

40 Years Ago

Pastor E. D. Solomon of the 15th Avenue church of Meridian reports that a new site has been purchased for the building of a new brick house of worship to cost "not less than \$30,000" to be "practically three stories" and to accommodate a Sunday school of 1,000 members.

25 Years Ago

The Antioch Church, Warren County, (The only active rural Baptist Church in the country), Rev. W. P. Davis, pastor, "rejoice to report to the Baptist Record that all the material for their building is on the ground and the foundation is laid", and they are proceeding to build their church house in spite of the fact that their request for help from the Convention Board was not granted... an example for all the other churches which asked the Board for help." Besides they have put the Record into 90 per cent of the homes of the membership, and "plans were being made to enlarge the missionary program of the church."

Says Politicians Have Problems With Christians

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (RNS) — Governor Frank Clement of Tennessee told an interdenominational meeting of laymen here that "we in politics have problems with some self-proclaimed Christians."

Addressing a Layman's Leadership Institute at Southern Baptist Seminary, he said:

"This thing of taking a holier-than-thou attitude because you are a church member or minister is the most un-Christian thing we face."

Some 260 business and professional men from 29 states and Canada attended the sessions.

"It's not Christian to complain about the payment of tax-

es unless you know what you're talking about," Gov. Clement said.

Observing that the tax money might be "for the uplifting of mankind," he said:

"You can't justify reneging on paying taxes to help the sick and needy, to build schools and pay teachers a decent wage. There aren't many of you here who haven't sinned by criticizing without stopping to think about what is right and wrong."

The 34-year-old Methodist said it was "so amazing" to him "when churchgoing Christians daily come to your office and ask you to restore a license to a convicted drunken driver, to add a \$100,000 extra profit to

a state contract, or tell you to hire people you don't need because they worked for you in the election."

The governor said he had often been told that religion and politics don't mix. "If they don't mix, may God have mercy on the people you're supposed to be serving," he said.

"We need more Christians in politics, and those of us in politics need to feel we have the backing of Christian people who will come to us with constructive criticism when they don't agree, but will stand up and fight and help," Gov. Clement said.

"This is the day for the Christian to take his citizenship seriously and the citizen to take his Christianity seriously," he said. "I predict that if we fail in our efforts at world leadership, it will be because of our failure to prove ourselves Christians. The basic, vital political problem of the free world is a religious problem."

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Textbook Contest Winners Announced

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. — The Zondervan Publishing House has just announced the prize winners in its Christian Textbook Contest which closed September 30, 1955. The prize winners and their prizes were as follows:

Dr. R. Laird Harris — \$1500.00, First Prize

Dr. C. B. Eavey — \$750.00, Second Prize

Dr. Samuel A. Cartledge — \$250.00, Third Prize

Dr. Harris, Chairman of the New Testament Department of Talbot Theological Seminary, Elkins Park, Philadelphia, was awarded First Prize for his manuscript, "The Inspiration and Canonicity of the Bible." The first part of Dr. Harris's manuscript deals with the basis and history of the belief in the verbal inspiration of the Bible, with consideration of various objections to the historical Christian position. The second part deals with the principles on which the books of the Old and New Testaments were chosen, and why these books and no others are believed to be inspired. Dr. Harris's book is scheduled for publication in late 1956.

Dr. Eavey is the former head of the Education Department at Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois. His manuscript, "Christian Ethics — Principles and Practice" was awarded Second Prize of \$750.00.

Dr. Cartledge is a professor at Columbia Seminary, Decatur, Georgia. His manuscript, "A Basic Grammar of the Greek Testament" was named Third Prize winner. He is also the author of "A Conservative Introduction to the New Testament."

Visiting Laymen Become "Mission-Minded"

By Dr. K. J. O'BANION

I wish that every Christian who has had a part in the Lottie Moon Christmas offering could have attended a meeting in Campinas, Brazil, on Sept. 14, 1954.

Five Southern Baptist missionaries met on this day to allocate \$10,000 they had received as their portion of the Lottie Moon offering from the Foreign Mission Board.

The joy and enthusiasm of these missionaries as they apportioned this money to buy lots in strategic cities, so new churches could be built, where the gospel could be preached and more persons won to the Kingdom of God, made this meeting very memorable.

It was my good fortune to be present at this meeting in company with Theodore Hubler, a fine Christian layman from Pickneyville, Illinois. We spent some time in Brazil on a mission tour arranged by the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission.

We found that Southern Baptist mission work in Brazil was far beyond our expectations. One reason for this was that we had not studied missions, nor had we been concerned about how long missionaries had been working in South America.

Missions Foundation Solid

We are 'mission-minded' now. We found the mission program in Brazil established on a solid foundation, growing, and advancing as fast as missionaries and money can be supplied by our Foreign Mission Board, and Brazilian Christians can be enlisted and trained.

The missionaries and their families that we met were the busiest and busiest people I have ever had the pleasure of meeting. Some were in their first years of service, and others had 20 to 30 years of service to their credit. They all had the spirit of the Master when he said, "Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?" They were using every means and opportunity to tell the good news of Christianity. The two of us left Brazil with these impressions:

First — Proud and happy that Southern Baptists have such fine, consecrated and compassionate missionaries to carry on the work of the Kingdom of God.

Second — Happy that so many Brazilian Christians have been enlisted and trained to do the Master's will.

Third — Although God has not called us to be foreign missionaries, he does offer us the opportunity to give through our tithes and offerings that those he has called to be foreign missionaries may have the means



Miss Mary Jo Ray, Ackerman, (shown above) has been appointed Alumnae Secretary at Blue Mountain College. She received her B.A. degree from Blue Mountain in 1954, and since that time she has served as pastor's assistant and young people's leader in the First Church, Anchorage, Alaska.

While she was a student at College she won first place in the religious essay contest; was a member of the BSU Council and in her senior year was chosen as one of Blue Mountain's seven girls listed in the national publication: "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities."

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CITY MISSIONS, the 1955 edition of a City Missions Directory, is published by the Home Mission Board of the SBC, 161, Spring Street, N. W., Atlanta 3, Georgia, giving a brief review of accomplishments in city mission work in the ten-year period from 1944 through 1954. The Superintendents of City Missions are pictured in the directory each expressing himself in a brief paragraph on "What Has Our City Mission Program Meant To Us." Included among the Superintendents is Thomas B. Chaney, Superintendent of City Missions in Jackson, and Hinds County Associational Missionary. Order the booklet from the Baptist Book Store or the publisher.

to tell the story of Christ.

Fourth — We definitely will be better missionaries here at home after seeing these foreign missionaries in action.

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In New Testament times, after Christ ascended into heaven, the believers met together to study the Scriptures and to worship God. This was the beginning of the Christian Church. These early Christians recounted their blessings to one another. The Bible says that "they rehearsed all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith unto the Gentiles." (Acts 14: 27)

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So. Baptists' Long Range Rural Church Program

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In 1954, nearly 5,000 Southern Baptist rural churches did not baptize a single person. Several thousand churches are apparently inactive. There are over 5,000 churches which pay less than \$500.00 per year pastor's salary. There are six hundred churches without a Sunday School. There are 9,000 churches without a Training Union.

In the United States, there are 10,000 rural communities without any church whatsoever, with 22,000,000 unchurched rural people. There have been 20,000 rural churches closed their doors in the United States in the last twenty years. How many of them were Southern Baptist, we do not know.

More and more we are beginning to realize that unless we keep our rural churches strong, our denomination will begin to decline, because the majority of our children are in rural areas.

Committee Appointed

In late 1953, the state Executive Secretaries became concerned over this need and along with the Home Mission Board began a specific program to try to help. For the first time in the history of the Southern Baptist Convention, we are developing a Convention-wide Rural Church Program. The state secretaries appointed a Long Range Rural Church Com-

mittee, and asked them to develop a tentative program for rural churches.

This committee began its work on January 3, 1954. The task delegated to our committee was to plan a Long Range Rural Church Program, preferably twenty-five years. None of us knows what the Southern Baptist Convention will be twenty-five years from now. Yet our feeling was that there must be some definite, though general, objectives which leaders of our Convention can follow on a long range basis.

Perhaps a major reason for rural church problems has been the fact that there has been no long range planning.

The seven long range objectives which the committee has laid out were very broad and general. Therefore, to implement them adequately, there was a need for more specific and obtainable goals, which could be checked and measured and become an indication of the progress being made toward the long range objectives. Consequently, the committee adopted a set of ten goals, most of them stated in numerical terms, for the first five year period, 1954-1958.

We feel the most encouraging feature of this is perhaps simply the fact that at long last the Southern Baptist Convention as a whole is giving concerted and unified attention toward the needs of our rural churches. Heretofore every man has been working at the job in his own way.

Seven Objectives

The seven objectives which we propose to attempt during

the next twenty-five years naturally are rather high, because we feel we ought not attempt any kind of a long range program without making it almost a perfect or ideal end.

They are as follows:

(1) All Southern Baptist rural pastors adequately trained and supported, living in the community served and giving their entire time to the field.

(2) Each rural church of the Southern Baptist Convention properly located, having adequate grounds and facilities to meet the needs of the community.

(3) Every Southern Baptist rural church seeking to make the greatest possible contribution in lifting the level of the total life of the community.

(4) Every Southern Baptist rural church teaching the Bible plan of stewardship, giving a percentage of its total budget to missions through the Cooperative Program and increasing that percentage each year.

(5) The expansion of Southern Baptist rural work to make a church accessible to the people of every rural community in our Convention area.

(6) The Long Range Rural Program co-operating with minority groups, such as Indians, Spanish-speaking, and Negroes, in the development of their rural churches and missions.

(7) That all our Southern Baptist colleges and seminaries shall include in their curricula specialized courses on rural community life and development, some practical training of rural leadership, and extension work.

The responsibility of the promotion of this total program is being committed to the Home Mission Board, though everyone knows that it alone cannot do the job. Such a tremendously large program must have a hearty support from every agency and phase of Southern Baptist life.

Each district and association missionary needs to be enthusiastic supporting the program. In the final analysis, it will actually accomplish these goals.

Frankly, if our people become enthusiastic for the program, we believe that within the twenty-five year period 1954-1979, we can effectively achieve these major objectives.

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The Baptist Record appreciates a copy of the minutes of the 35th annual session of the Oktibbeha County Association which was held with the Longview Church on October 6 and with the Calvary Church on October 7, 1955. The next places of meetings are Maben on October 4 and New Hope on October 5. The minutes are attractively prepared and printed.

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Court Suit Tests Right Of Congregations To Assess Members

DENVER (RNS) — A suit to determine whether a local congregation can legally assess its members for construction of a new sanctuary and school building has been filed in Denver District Court.

The action was brought against the board of trustees of Temple Emanuel by Hyman N. Tatarsky, a member of the congregation who was assessed \$5,000.

The assessments were made against members who failed to participate in a long campaign for voluntary contributions. However, all contributions were not accepted. In some cases the voluntary offering was rejected and assessments were made by a special committee on the basis of "ability to pay".

Ground-breaking ceremonies for the ultra-modern temple and school building, to occupy a two-block area, were held last June. The structure is to be completed by next September.

"This assessment is arbitrary, capricious and unreasonable, and is not based on any fair measurement, basis or fact," the suit alleged. Mr. Tatarsky claimed "a vested right" to be a member of the temple; but said he would be expelled if the

assessment is not paid.

The suit also asks the court to define a formula for making assessments, if it decides they can be made.

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"Singing Revivals" Is Initiated in Clinton

Norman Bell, formerly minister of music of Northside Church, Jackson, began his new work of "Singing Revivals" with a demonstration at the Clinton Church on Sunday night, Jan. 15.

Mr. Bell was trained in the Jewish synagogues and in the music of the Old Testament and was converted and baptized into the fellowship of the Clinton Church about a year ago.

Rev. Russell McIntire, pastor, reports that at the close of the service the church voted to put its stamp of approval on his program and to commend him to the churches of the state.

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First Church, Purvis, set a goal of \$2000 for their Building Fund and reached their goal. That makes more than \$32,000 raised for the new Educational Building. Rev. Paul H. Leber is the pastor.

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THE MENNONITE ENCYCLOPEDIA

ENCYCLOPEDIA is the first reference work in English that covers comprehensively more than 400 years of history, faith, life, and culture of Anabaptism in Europe and world Mennonitism. The complete, four-volume work will contain a total of 3,200 pages, in which appear 10,000 articles, 400 illustrations, and over 100 maps of Mennonite communities in Europe, North America, South America, and other parts of the world.

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The Baptist Record appreciates a copy of the minutes of the 72nd session of the Covington County Association, which was held with the Salem Church on October 20 and 21, 1955. The next meeting is to be held with the Calhoun Church on October 25 and 26. The minutes are attractively prepared and printed.